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Al Hussein receives senior judges

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court Sunday Mr. Abdal Karim Maaz, the newly appointed head of the Court of Cassation and Mr. Rifaat Shammout newly appointed head of the Higher Court of Justice.

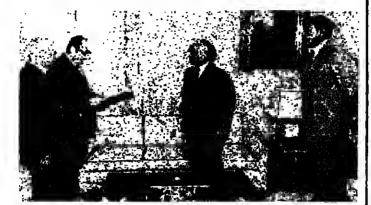
Both men were sworn in before the King to assume their

The swearing in ceremony was attended by the King's political advisor Adnan Abu Odeb, the King's private advisor Amer Khammash as well as Justice Minister Riad Al

King Hussein also received at the Royal Court Sunday the Jordanian round-the-world traveller Walid Mohammad Amaireh.

Amaireb, who started his eight-year tour in 1986, has just completed the first stage of his trip. He is expected to visit 128

The King also received at the Rayal Court Mr. Mohammad



His Majesty King Hussein Sunday receives the newly appointed heads of the Court of Cassation and the Higher Court of Justice at the Royal Court. The two senior judges were sworn in during the meeting. Also present is Chief of the Royal Court Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker (Petra photo)

Saleh Abu Qoura and conferred on him Jordan's Independence Medal of the First Order. Abu Qoura had built the Abou Ooura Mosque adjoining the Jordan Times building which was inaugurated by the King

Also on Sunday King Hus-

sein received a cable from Mr. Mirghani Nasri, head of the ruling council in Sudan, during his flight through Jordanian airspace. The cable wished the King continued health and happiness and the Jordanian

people further progress and prosperity.

7 hurt in clashes with Israelis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot and wounded three Palestinian protesters in clashes in Khan Younis and the Bureij Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip, hospital officials said. Palestinians also reported four

protesters wounded in the West

Meanwhile Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank summoned Palestinian activists to a meeting Sunday, forcing them to violate a PLO ban on such

The head of the Israeli occupation authority in the West Bank, Brigadier-General Shaike Erez, karm and Qalqilya for talks on daily problems and political issues, official Israeli sources

The head of the Tnikarm Chamber of Commerce told Reuters he and other activists were called the night before to meet the military governor. Some received written summonses. They were not told they would be

"We had no choice but to go," : be said. "We told him this is a political problem and not a quesuon of improving daily life. We said the only spokesman for the

meeting Erez. he said.

entire Palestinian nation is the

Qalqilya activist Adnan Al Hindi said he told Erez: "You know as well as we do that we were summoned here and do not meet on an equal footing.

"The purpose of this meeting is

to give international public opinion the impression that there is a dialogue between Palestinian per-sonalities and yourselves," he

An aide to Shamir said Sunday the Israeli prime minister will present a package of proposals in Washington this week that include a scheme for two-stage elections in the occupied territortroops from major Arab cities.

The plan, which Shamir detailed to leaders of the rival Labour Party, is linked to obtainmg a truce from the Palestinians in their 15-month aprising against al of 417 Palestinians have been killed in the violence.

But Shamir's plan falls far short opposes any talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and is offering only limited autonomy instead of the independent statehood demanded by Palestinians.

Under Shamir's proposal, the 1.7 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would elect representatives to negotiate an iterim settlement for local self-rule, said Shamir spokesman

Yossi Ahimeir.

Once a self-government plan is agreed upon, a second round of polling could be held in the disputed lands and Palestinians would select their representatives to a local governing council, Ahimeir said.

During the five-year period of antonomy, he added, Israeli troops would be withdrawn from "major population centres" and areas. The exact sites of the pullbacks would be subject to negotiation, the aide said.

In New York, a New York Times poll published Sunday said an overwhelming 82 per cent of Israeli military occupation. A tot- Israeli Jews oppose immediate peace negotiations with the PLO.

However, 58 per cent said they would favour talks later if the of Palestinian demands. He Palestine Liberation Organisation "officially recognises Israel and ceases terrorist activities," the Times reported.

That was up five points from a year ago when 53 per cent were in favour of such talks.

TUNIS (AP) - Voters Sunday elected 54-year-old Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali as the second president of Tunisia, although final results were not to be announced until Monday.

Ibn Ali, the only candidate, was elected to a five-year term 18 months after seizing power in a palace coup in which he ousted President-For-Life Habib Bourguiba. Ibn Ali had received the endorsement of all recognised political parties.

The president's party, the Constitutional Democratic Rally, was expected to win most — if not all the seats in the 141-member National Assembly. The party, which went by another name under the Bourguiba regime, has held every parliamentary seat since Tunisia gained independ-

ence from France in 1956. The 12,000 polling stations around Tunisia opened at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) closed at 6 p.m. (1600 GMT). Official vote counting began two hour later, but was not expected to be concluded

Tunisians elect Ibn Ali

before Monday. Official figures on voter turnout and final results are to be issued Monday afternoon by the Interior Ministry.

An official at the Interior Ministry, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 70 per cent of the registered 2.7 million Tunisian voters had cast their vote by the time the polis closed.

There were widespread allegarions of irregularities, and in several places opposition candidates withdrew from the race in protest while the voting was going of Ibn Ali's government.

on. The Interior Ministry denied that there had been any interference with the vote.

Islamic fundamentalists, campaigning as independents because their political organisations have not been officially sanctioned, played a role in the election for the first time in the three decades of Tunisia's independence.

It appeared, however, that they would be unable to break the hold of the ruling party on the National Assembly. The legislative elections have

been seen as a test of the strength of the fundamentalists and the results of the independent candidates will be closely studied. Even if they fail to win any seats, their role is important and may influence the future composition

Confusion surrounds Haiti coup attempt

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haitian officers attempted a coup Sunday against military President Genral Prosper Avril but there were conflicting reports about its outcome

Gunfire was heard in the capital at about 4 a.m. (0800 GMT) and early radio reports said Avril had been taken to the headquarters of the Leopards elite military unit, but a senior government source told Reuters at midday that Avril was in control.

"General Avril is in the palace and is in control of the situation," the senior government source said. He said a statement would be made shortly.

However, other sources close to both the military and the govcrument said Avril was deposed in a military-led comp and that a three-man junta was being formed in his place.

The sources told Renters that the junta, according to the initial unconfirmed reports, would be headed by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Herard

They named Henri Biamby, and Himmler Rebu, commander of the Leopards battalions, as being the likely other members.

No state media reports mentioned the coup attempt. Other local radio broadcasts gave contradictory and fragmentary information. Earlier, journalists from the

independent radio Metropole said state television Information Director Anise Chazenet had told them that Abraham was taking over and that an official announcement was expected

If this coup attempt is successful, it will be the third coup in Haiti since last June and the fifth government in the impoverished aribbean nation since Dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier fled amid a popular uprising in February 1986. Avril seized power in a

coup six months ago.
The government source, who asked that he remain anonymous, said that Interior Minister Acedius Saint Louis had been arrested during the shooting but had since been freed.

But in Santo Domingo, Deputy Foreign Minister Fabio Herrera told Reuters that the Dominican Republic had decided to allow Avril a temporary visa on humanitarian grounds.

"He is not coming as a political exile and the Dominican Republie is receiving him for humanitarian reasons, to preserve his life," Herrera said.

Sporadic shooting continued in the capital on Sunday, but the city was mainly calm and people were going about their business normally, eyewitnesses said.

However, U.S. and Canadian citizens were told by their embassies to stay off the streets and Haiti's International Airport was

Arafat elected **Palestinian** president

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestinian

nisation in Tunis, amounts to a new mandate for Arafat, who has been under fire for his personal

The Central Council is a smaller version of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which proclaimed the state and gave the Central Council a mandate to vote on an eventual provisiona

government.
PLO officials said Nayef

tine (PFLP) are the two main PLO groups in internal opposi-

strategy.
The PLO officials said the main

The PLO says some 90 countries have recognised the new state, although it has no government, no defined borders and all its territory is under Israeli

Palestinian embassies with fully and Islamic countries.

One PLO official said: "The appointment gives a new dimension to the state. It's one step towards making it real."

The PLO does not, however. plan to set up a full provisional government in the immediate future, mainly because of problems over naming ministers among supporters based inside the West

sure that Israel would not jail or deport them if they are named. Arafat has said.

In an afternoon meeting, the Central Committee also elected Farnuk Kaddoumi as foreign minister, PLO official Abu Iyad told the French news agency Agence France-Presse. Abu lyad is a member of the PLO Executive Committee, which runs dayto-day affairs, and is also a top official in Arafat's Fatch, the largest group in the PLO.

Kaddoumi has long served as the equivalent of foreign minister

The Kuwait News Agency. monitored in Cyprus, quoted PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif as saying representatives of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine were among those supporting

PLO spokesman Riad Al Hassen last week told reporters that a government led by Arafat would exercise its function "until the Palestinian people can freely elect a government at the end of Israeli occupation.

Jordan Sunday welcomed the appointment of Arafat as president of Palestine.

"We welcome any decision they take. It's very good, Information Minister Hant Khasawneh told Reuters. "We treat Arafat as a head of state and will continue to do so."

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry official said in Cairo: "He (Arafat) can use this position. It puts Arafat in the proper place to talk on behalf of the Palestinians and aborts any attempt by other faetions to create a front against

leader Yasser Arafat was elected President of Palestine Sunday in a move designed to enhance his official status and put some flesh on the bones of the state proclaimed last November. The appointment, voted unani-

mously by the Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Orgapolicy initiatives.

Hawatmeh, leader of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), proposed Arafat in a symbolic reaf-firmation of PLO unity. The DFLP and the Popular

Front for the Liberation of Pales-

tion to Arafat's Fateh Movement. They have recently criticised Arafat and his aides for violating the policy guidelines set by the PNC in Algiers but they remain broadly in support of his peace

reason for promoting Arafat to the presidency was to overcome the protocol problems which arise when he has to appoint Palestinian ambassadors and visit foreign countries as head of state.

occupation.

accredited ambassadors have already opened in many Arah

the country because its existence

Bank and Gaza Strip.

The organisation wants to be

There are also different views within the PLO on whether the time is ripe for a provisional government.

for the PLO.

Jordan welcomes appointment

Iranian and Iraqi forces are sometimes only metres away from each other. violations took place mainly in no man's land along the southern front. Eight incidents of people

worker at the Dora fuel depot in East Beirut inspects the damage caused by an explosion. Fire brigades continued efforts to contain the burning fuel tanks set ablaze by artillery bombardment.

Hoss calls for resignations

Beirut suffers one of civil war's worst bombardments

BEIRUT (R) — A withering hail of shells, rockets and mortar bombs blasted Beirut Sunday in one of the most ferocious blitzes of Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

Hoss to suggest that be and military leader Major-General Michel Aoun should resign if it would help end the fighting.
"I plead with all those holding

guns to have mercy un people and cease fire immediately. Hoss said in a statement broadcast hy radio stations. "Stop, stop this massacre." Black smoke billowed over the

Aoun's troops, raining thousands of bigh-explosive projectiles on the city in a few hours. Hoss said that if he and Aoun formed the two sides to the conflict, then they should act to spare

was threatened. "Lebanon is more precious than any of us. It is more precious than those hungry for power. All posts become worthless for the sake of serving Lehanon." said

Hoss, a moderaie. Since being appointed last September by former President Amin Gemayel, Aoun has denounced the rival Syrian-backed

The barrage prompted Sunai Hoss cabinet as illegitimate and Muslim Prime Minister Selim demanded it stand down. demanded it stand down.

> bombardment. "It's a new day of terror and madness in our life," said Antoine Nehmeh, one of 200

capital as Syrian forces and their militia allies traded fire with district of Dora and Oil Ministry

> day wounded 100 people. blocks, hospitals, schools and factories. It reached the Syrian-held Bekaa Valley, 60 kilometres east of Beirut, and the town of Riyak,

Hospital and security sources

people in a shelter in mainly Christian east Beirut. "The whole area is trembling. People are on the verge of hysteria. Several shells hit a petrol storage tank at an already blazing fuel depot in the east Beirut

Director Raymond Rufavel said fires might spread to other tanks. A gas tank blast at Dora Thurs-The blitz Sunday hit apartment

15 kilometres from the Syrian border. Residents of east Beirut said

ibly the heaviest rain of fire since west Beirut's airport road.

quickly took refuge in under-ground shelters built since 1975.

said at least 11 people were killed, including five Lebanese sol-diers, and 37 wounded in both sectors of Beirut by Sunday's

> It was the worst conflict in three weeks of battles hetween the Syrians, their allies and mostly Falangist troops loyal to Aoun, who vowed a week ago to drive Syria's 40,000 soldiers out of Lebanon. Witnesses said both sides used

> > tank cannons in Sunday's fighting, which brought a prediction by Aoun that Beirut could be flattened one step closer to fulfillment. The military leader said after the fighting first erupted that he

Troops under Aoun retaliated

by shelling Syrian positions both

in west Beirut and eastern Leba-

non's Bekaa Valley.

troyed in the battle to oust the Syrian troops from Lebanon. A Falangisi-run radio said a Syrian soldier was killed and

was willing to see the city des-

civil war broke out in April 1975. Shells slammed into Syrian Casualties were relatively low checkpoints and the airport, compared to the ferocity of the where radio stanons reported a fire raged out of control. bombardment because most of the city's war-weary residents The suburban residences of U.S., French, Belgian and Brazi-

lian ambassadors were also hit. "The belt of fire rings the area. No one was hurt. Until now no voice can rise ahove Meanwhile the Kuwait News the thud of artillery shells. Syrian Agency said Sunday, Kuwait's fire sows more terror among civi-lians," said the Falangist-run foreign minister, head of an Arab League committee trying to Voice of Lebanon radio station. mediate in the Lebanese crisis.

has put back a planned trip to Syria by-two-days. The agency, quoting Foreign Ministry sources, said Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who was to be accompanied by Arah League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi, would now go to Damascus

on Tuesday. The postponement was made because of the preoccupation of Syrian leaders in receiving official delegations visiting Damascus in the coming two days," the agency

said. It quoted Sheikb Sabah in the same report as saying that Lehanon should have "priority among Arab issues because of the urgen-

cy of the security situation. Sheikh Sabah said all Lebanese factions wanted the Arab League committee to continue its mediathe Falangist sector suffered poss- three were wounded in shelling of tion efforts and it would do so "in spite of some negative factors."

New faces to dominate Iraqi assembly

BAGHDAD (AP) - Iraqi voters give any figures. swept dozens of first-time candidates into the 250-member National Assembly in an election that opens the way for President Saddam Hussein to implement political reforms, according to

results announced Sunday. The state-run radio did not give any breakdown of the results, but said that new faces would predominate when the new assembly meets for the first time later this

month. A total of 910 candidates ran for election, including many veterans of the 8-year war with Iran and more than 250 members of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party. There were 61 women

candidates. Officials said that turn-out was "relatively high" among the country's estimated 8 million voters, but the government committee overseeing the poll did not

used, and we are worried."

Goulding arrived Thursday

1,180-kilometre border, where

He told a news conference

four-year term, is expected to endorse a new constitution and a new law establishing a multi-party system after 20 years of rule by the Baathists. A referendum must be held to approx the constitution, which

will record an interim charter

approved in 1969, one year after

The assembly, elected for a

the Baathists seized power in a bloodless coup. Diplomats said political analysts have said the election of a substantial number of non-Baathists to the assembly could influence government policy in the future hy enabling the inde-

the decision-making process. But no timetable has been set for the promised reforms and they are not expected to reduce Hussein's personal authority.

The assembly holds a two-

pendents to play a higger role in

(INA) quoted the election committee as saying the poll was "historic... because it represents a campaign to develop democratic life and expand the base of popular representation." The committee, headed hy Izzat Ibrabim, deputy chairman

of the Revolutionary Command Council, also reiterated the government programme for permanent constitution and expansion of the multi-party system." INA said.

The senior political personality in the election. Sa'adi Meadi Saleh, Baath Parry chief in Baghdad, won his seat in a constituency in the capital, the radio said.

Gulf ceasefire violations 'get worse'

BAGHDAD (R) - U.N. envoy four of them in the last two Marrack Goulding said Sunday months, that violations of the seven- Gould Goulding said he asked both month-old Iran-Iraq ceasefire countries to behave with restraint had become more serious and and cooperate with the U.N. urged restraint.

Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG). "Recent violations are not a threat to the ceasefire, which we He visited the ceasefire line are determined to maintain," from both sides on his tour and in Goulding said in Baghdad. "But Iraq met Foreign Minister Tareq they were greater in extent and Aziz and Armed Forces Chief longer in time with more weapons Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul Karim Al Khazraji.

U.N. Sccretary General Javier from Tehran to discuss the work Perez de Cuellar said in February of U.N. observers along the that UNIIMOG received 1,960 complaints of violations from both sides up to Jan. 20. Goulding said no evidence was found to hack 75 per cent of complaints. The war cost both sides hun-

dreds of thousands of casualties until a ceasefire in August. Asked about Iranian accusabeing shot had been reported, tions that Iraq was burning oil

and gas in Iranian territory. Goulding said two oil wells and one gas well in no man's land had been set on fire in fighting last year before the truce and were still ablaze,

He said a military working group involving Iran and Iraq, set up in January to consolidate the ceasefire, failed to meet on schedule in February because of differences over a venue and the group's aims.

A new round of U.N.-sponsored Iran-Iraq talks is expected to start later this month in New

The talks have bogged down over Iraqi insistence that the border Shatt Al Arab Waterway be dredged at once and Iranian demands that Iraqi troops first leave several hundred square kilometres of Iranian territory which it says they occupy.

Mubarak month session twice yearly. It begins talks shares power with the Revolutionary Command Council, which in U.S. must ratify new laws and also has The official Iraqi News Agency today

WASHINGTON (AP) - Backto-back visits by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir this week will force U.S. leaders to come to grips with problems in the Middle East, but there will be no rush to judgment.

see concrete progress so far as the peace process is concerned," a well-placed U.S. official said Friday. "But we ought not to set markers up out there that may or may not be realised." Muharak and Shamir will focus on the Palestinian uprising on the

"It would be nice if we could

West Bank and in Gaza, hurin vastly different ways. The Egyptian leader, whose country signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, is lobbying for a Middle East peace conference and a seat at the table for the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO). Muharak arrived by helicopter from Andrews Air Force Base about 4:30 p.m. (213tt GMT) at a spot between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial and was met hy Secretary of State James Baker and a military honour guard.

He plans a quiet weekend before talks open Monday with Deence Secretary Dick Cheney.

Shamir will propose to President George Bush and to Baker that elections be held on the West Bank and in Gaza,

The idea, said Avi Pazner, his media adviser, is to designate Palestinian leaders to negotiate with Israel.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

MANAMA (AP) - The United States pulled three mineswe

ers and a support vessel out of the Guif Saturday in the first multiple withdrawal of American warships since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire seven-and-a-half months ago. The tank landing shap USS Peoria sailed through the Strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless instituted and the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of Hormuz as escort for the minessweeners fearless in the strait of the minessweeners in the strait of the minesswee

minesweepers fearless, inflict and illusive, bound for ports out to U.S. east coast. Their departure left the U.S. naval force in the

Gulf at 10 ships, including three other minesweepers. With nine-ship carrier battle group in the north Arabian Sea, the U.S. fleet was reduced to fewer than 20 ships for the first time state the massive Western naval buildup of mid-1987.

KHARTOUM (AP) - Prime Minister Sadek AI Mahdi said a

joint defence agreement with Egypt has effectively ended with the ousting of former President Gaafar Nimeiri four years ago.

Mahdi's statement, made late Saturday, appeared to counter comments by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in which he

affirmed Thursday that relations with Sudan were unchaged. "In

this area, Sudan has clear stances of non-polarisation and good

neighbouriness with all surrounding countries," Mahdi said. "It (the joint defence treaty) has ended with the fall of Nimeiri. "The agreement is cancelled as far as the Sudanese side is

concerned... it does not serve the interests of Sudan anymore." Nimeiri was ousted by a military coup in April 1985. The defence agreement was signed in 1976 by Nimeiri and late President

Anwar Sadat of Egypt. Another integration charter signed in 1982 by Mabarak and Nimeiri was replaced by a milder hrotherhood

charter in 1987 under the premiership of Mahdi. Mahdi did not

indicate whether Egypt had been officially informed of the decision. Egyptian officials in Cairo were unavailable for com-

ABU DHABI (AP) - The Israeli secret service, Mossad, has

recruited 10,000 Filipino spies to work mainly in Arab countries, a

Filipino Muslim rebel leader was quoted as saying Sunday.

Leader of the Moro National Liberation Front, Nur Misuari. warned of the Israeli espionage in an interview in Cairo with the United Arab Emirates Al Khaleej. "Mossad exploited the general Arab acceptance of the Filipino workforce to recruit them as

agents,". Misuari said. Misuari's front leads a struggle for

independence in the Philippines southern Mindanao region where

Muslims are predominant. He said that a few months ago 2.000

blank Philippine passports were discovered with official stamps in the hands of Israeli agents in Manila.

ROME (R) - An Italian producer and director said Saturday

they are planning to make a film hased on the Palestinian uprising

in Israeh-occupied territories. Producer Giantranco Piccioh and

director Francesco Laudadio discussed the project with repre-

sentatives of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in

Cairo this week, they said in a statement. The film, "Intifada"

(uprising), is about a Palestinian boy born during the 1967

Arab-Israeli war and brought up in refugee camps. It is expected

to be completed next year. At least 419 Palestinians and 17 Jews

bave been killed in the 15-month-old uprising in the occupied

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II Saturday accepted

the credentials of the new Syrian ambassador to the Holy See and told him that military intervention will not bring about peace in

the Middle East, "The trials your country bas known must help it

to understand the suffering that strikes the people of the Near-East, who for so long have fallen prey to destructive conflicts and

killings," the Pope told Ambassador Hunia Hatem. The pontiff

expressed "the ardent wish of seeing the advance of peace in the

Middle East" and told the diplomat that history teaches that

military interventions "do not bring the hoped for solutions."

Hatem, in his remarks to the Pope, blamed Israeli policies in the

occupied territories for stalling the advance of peace. "Despite

Palestinian people remains the main pillar of Israeli politics," he

Pope accepts Syrian's credentials

'Israel recruited Filipino spies'

Italians plan 'Intifada' film

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Sudan ends defence treaty with Egypt

Four U.S. ships pull out of Gulf



Polisario appeals to U.N

ALGIERS (R) - The Polisario Front Sunday urged the United Nations to step up efforts to promote peace in Western Sahara and sought a second round of direct peace talks with King Hassan of

A statement issued by Polisario headquarters in Algiers said King Hassan had shown himself to be a man of "dialogue, political realism, and peace" during a first meeting in Marrakesh in

The guerrilla group denied a pact linking Algeria, Moroeco, Mauritania, Tunisia and Lihya would adversely affect its struggle for independence for the former Spanish colony.

U.N. meetings to decide Cyprus talks

NICOSIA (R) — Greek and Turkish-Cypriot leaders will met U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York this week to determine the fate of their inconclusive talks on reuniting

Cyprus.
Officials on both sides say that seven months of U.N.-sponsored negotiations have failed to make beadway towards ending the 14-year-old division of their island.

"Will there be a third stage (of negotiations) and what will it consist of? It is an issue that remains undecided," Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said Thursday at the end of an intensive round of discussions.

Turkish Cypriots declared a breakaway republic in 1983 in northern Cyprus, occupied by Turkish troops in 1974 after an abortive coup in Nicosia inspired by the military junta then ruling

The two communities remain divided over what form a united Cyprus should take. Turkisb-Cypriots want a loose confederastrong federal government.

Cypriot President George Vassiliou says he does not want to pursue à meaningless dialogue but still believes progress can be made by a June 1 target date set by the United Nations for reaching agreement on a federal solution.

"I want to helieve that the United Nations and the secretary general agree totally with this line — that there must be progress by June 1." he said in Athens last

Officials said Perez de Cuellar would put forward ideas to break the deadlock at separate meetings with Vassiliou and Denktash April 5, ahead of joint discussions April 6 and 7.
The New York meetings will be

important to decide whether the talks continue. If they continue it will be because there is hope. said a Greek-Cypriot political

But he said much depended on the persuasive powers of Perez de Cuellar to keep the two sides at the negotiating table.

"He can't force either side to accept n solution it thinks is wrong, but no one would cross him on a procedural issue," the source said. Denktash has hinted that if the

talks break down he will press for wider acceptance of his Turkish-Cypriot state, now recognised only by Turkey.

Britain to put full weight into Mideast peace moves — Howe

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Britain will put the whole of its weight behind diplomacy aimed at persuading Israel to take part in an international peace conference on the Middle East, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said Saturday.

particular initiative but I do have in mind putting the whole of Britain's weight behind the argumeots in favour of the peace process - not in any coercive effective contribution." he said. fashion but by simple persuasion." be told reporters in Bahrain.

"We believe that the right way of moving towards a settlement in the Arab-Israeli dispute is by means of negotiations to be attained through an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations," he added. Howe said he would meet Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat

"I don't have in mind any but only when the time was ripe. "I have no doubt we shall move towards meeting in due course but only at the right point in time when it is likely to make a most

> important step towards the negoflating table last December by renouncing terrorism and recognising Israel's right to exist.
> "We will continue to... argue the case for a constructive Israeli

Howe said Arafat had taken an

response to the new opportunities opened up by the Palestinian moves," he said. "It's a matter of mobilising public opinion on the

side of peace." Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir and his supporters oppose British writer. an international peace conference and refuse to talk to the PLO, saying the organisation is still dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish state.

Howe met Bahrain's Emir Sbeikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa and Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince Sheikh Hamed Ibn Isa Al Khalifa for talks oo the Gulf and prospects for peace in the Middle East, including

Earlier in the day he met Qatar's Emir Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani during a brief stopover in Doha. He was due to fly to London early Sunday. Howe said Saturday Iran's

handling of the Salman Rushdie affair was "intolerable" and urged the Tehran leadership to comply with international law and remove the threat to kill the

Howe said the European Community's ban on high-level contacts with Iran was a message "t hat the behaviour of the authorities in Tehran was intoler-

Britain and its 11 partners in the EC withdrew their ambassadors from Iran after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered Muslims oo Feb. 14 to kill Rushdie for insulting Islam in his novel the Satanic Verses.

Some EC countries have since sent back their diplomats, but Britain's relations with Iran remain severed.

Howe said he hoped Tehran authorities "would not foolishly sustain this threat" against Rush-

Howe said he was "potting the whole of Britain's weight... behind persistent and determined diplomacy" in the Middle East.

Sudan to send team for talks with SPLA

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — The Sudanese government will send a peace delegation to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa Monday for talks with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), state radio Omdurman said Sunday.

The delegation will tell the rebels that the government formally accepts peace terms negoti-ated with SPLA leader John Garang last year hy the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), one of the partners in the new Sudanese coalition, the radio said.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi formed a new government March 26 with the declared aim of seeking a peaceful settlement to the six-year civil war in south

The radio said the three-man team, headed by Hamad Bagadi of Mahdi's Umma Party, would also urge Garang to respond positively to Mahdi's statement March 27 saying the government wanted to enter peace talks. Mahdi formed his new coali-

ing a crisis sparked by parliament's rejection of the DUP-SPLA peace pact. The National Islamic Front, which wants Islamic law im-

tion under army pressure follow-

plemented in Sudan, was the main opponent of the pact and stayed out of the new coalition. The SPLA launched its bush war to end what it regards as mo domination of the animist and

Arabised north. The team also includes retired Major-General Youssef Ahmad and 10 tonnes of medical sup-

Christian south by the Muslim,

Youssef of the DUP and Taiser Mohammad Ahmad, of the powerful Trade Union Alliance which is participating in the new

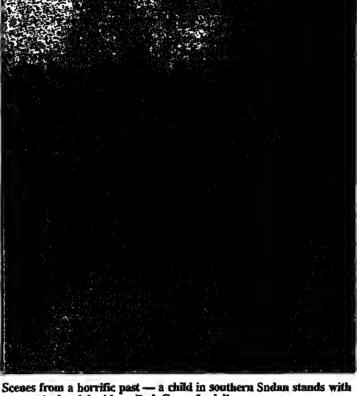
government. Meanwhile a mammoth U.N. relief effort gathered steam Sunday as another convoy carrying food and supplies headed toward southern Sudan where 2.5 million people face starvation exacerbated a six-year-old civil war.

"If we don't do this, the disaster will be roughly equal to the disaster of Hiroshima," James A. Grant, the U.N. official coordinating Operation Lifeline Sudan. said Saturday. "Or in recent his-tory, it will be four times larger a disaster than Armenia last fall."

Though no exact count exists, Western relief experts estimate 250,000 to 500,000 or more died last year alone in Sudan's civil war. Some think as many as two million have died since the war began in 1983, mostly civilians driven from their homes who either perished while seeking shelter or left to starve in refugee, camps or besieged towns.

An estimated 25,000 people died in the massive earthquake that struck Armenia in December. Some 218,000 people died when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hirosbima, ending World War, II. A 13-truck convoy rolled out of

the capital Saturday with more operation. A five-truck convoy left Friday, and Monday, a 60truck convoy is scheduled to leave with 1,000 tonnes of food



an empty bowl beside a Red Cross food line

plies, tarpaulins and pallets. Before the rainy season begins in early May, Operation Lifeline aims to position at depots more than 100,000 tonnes of food, blankets, tents and medical suphy famine and civil war.

Both the government and the SPLA have promised not to hinder the relief shipments. Previous efforts were hampered by one side or the other for political or military reasons.

Grant appeared at a news conference with Mabdi, who said the U.N. would be responsible for ensuring the rebels don't use the food for other purposes.

Grant said, "We depend on the faith of the two sides for the success of this operation and that food is being used for feeding the

our will to reach a just and lasting solution, despite all the efforts we make in that sense, the Israeli occupation continues. The holy land of Palestine, the Golan and southern Lebanon are trampled by the feet of the occupiers and the plunder of the rights of the

WML steps up security after killings NICOSIA (R) — A Saudi-based Islamic group said Saturday it had sent a cleric to replace the murdered spiritual leader of Muslims in Belgium and had stepped up security for the new Imam. An official at the World Muslim League (WML) told Reuters by telephone that Samir Radi had been sent to Belgium to replace Abdullah Al Ahdai, shot dead in a Brussels mosque on Wednesday with his Tunisian deputy, Salim Bahri. "We are not afraid of this kind of terrorism... we are taking new precautions and guarantees to safeguard the people who work with us," the official said. "I can't tell you the exact details." He said Ahdal, who also headed the Muslim League's office in Brussels, had been offered bodyguards and a gun by Belgian police after receiving death threats linked to the Rushdie affair. "He refused the guards, saying 'God will protect me', but accepted the gun," the

official added.

Velayati meets Assad DAMASCUS (AP) - President Hafez Al Assad held talks Sunday with visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati. the official Syrian news agency reported. The agency said that Velayati handed the Syrian president a letter from Iranian President Ali Khameini, hut gave no details of its contents. It said the meeting also was attended by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa. Velayati arrived in Damascus Saturday, the day after he returned to Iran from an official visit to Moscow. He told reporters on arrival that he would discuss with Syrian officials the renewed civil war fighting between factions in Lebanon, and "conspiracies heing hatched against the interests of Muslims"

Yasser Arafat — Guerrilla leader who became president

TUNIS (R) — Yasser Arafat. named Sunday as the first president of Palestine, is the emhodiment of the Palestinian struggle for independence.

Short, bald and stubby, Arafat hardly cuts an heroic figure. hut his presence sparks wild fervour from Palestinian audiences. In private, he is persuasive and compelling. His critics argue that hy

offering an olive hranch to Israel he has hetrayed their cause. His followers see him as the best hope of realising a Palestinian state. Proclaimed president of

Palestine by the Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Arafat's dream of his promised land looks closer to reality than at any time during the past 40

wars. The Central Council has less than 100 members drawn from the Palestine National Council (PNC), the parliament-in-exile which last Nov. 15 in Algiers

proclaimed a Palestinian state ... and approved a peace strategy based on a two-state solution.

PLO chairman since 1969, Arafat has kept the Palestinian movement alive through scores of unequal haliles against Israeli forces. The Palestinian uprising, or

injifada, which erupted in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in December 1987, 100k the PLO by surprise hut provided the impetus for the PNC's declaration of a Palestinian state. A hachelor "married to

Palestine." Arafat has no interest in luxuries or physical comfort, but loves children. His pleasures include reading history and late-night talks with comrades.

Arah and Islamic worlds and the Non-Aligned Movement. Arafat won for the PLO & role in the highest councils out of all proportion to its military

Portrayed by Israel as a "terrorist" bent on its destruction and challenged by Palestinians hostile to compromise, Arafat has walked a thin line between diplomacy and guerrilla war-

December with renewed contacts with the United States following his renunciation of

"I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my he told the U.N. General Assembly in an histor-

Man in the news

ic speech in 1974.

Helped by support from the As an engineering student at

His diplomacy paid off last

terrorism and acceptance of Israel's right to exist.

Arafat was born in Cairo on Aug. 4, 1929, into a modest trading family. He fought in the Gaza Strip and the Jerusalem sector during the 1948-49 war following the creation of the state of Israel.

Cairo University, he was elected as president of the Union of Palestinian Students-in 1952, a post he used to gather support and nurture political

After a brief spell as a soldier with the Egyptian side in the 1956 Suez war, he and the men who later set up the commando group Fateh hegan to talk of an independent Palestinian resistance as an alternative to reliance on Arab gov-

The first Fateh cell was formed in 1959 in Kuwait. where Arafat - who is also known as Abu Ammar - and his colleague the late Khalil Al Wazir (Ahu Jihad) had moved; to work and escape restrictions

imposed by Egypt. The first political recognition came in 1963, when Algeria agreed to let Fateh open its first office abroad.

Fateh's initiation of commando operations inside Israel in 1965 was a watershed for the

movement. Arafat had long urged the strategy against opposition from most Fateh members.

In the early 1970's Fatch and the secret Black September group turned to dramatic acts of violence, especially airliner hijacks, to "make the world care", a strategy Arafat connived in but did not actively support, according to his associates.

Fatch's original programme called for a united Palestine in which Jews and Arahs would rule together. From the mid-1970s Arafat 'accepted, and lobbied for, the alternative of a smaller state on territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war In 1982 Israel invaded Leba-

non, forcing Arafat and his forces out of west Beirut. The Fateh chief opened a dialogue with His Majesty King Hussein on a proposed Jordanian-Palestinian confed-

eration to include the occupied

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Israel did not respond, the United States pressed for direct talks between Jordan and Israel, while PLO radicals backed by Syria began to airlong-standing grievances against Arafat.

When the PLO mutiny broke out in eastern Lebanon in May 1983, Arafat slipped back to the northern port of Tripoli to lead his men in a hopeless battle against superior Syrian guns before being evacuated at sea under French No longer constrained by the need to conciliate PLO hard-

liners and alarmed by Israel's tightening grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Arafat began a new diplomatic tack towards peace and his desire for a Palestinian homeland. Jordan gave up all claim to represent the Palestinians in 1988, allowing Arafat and the

PLO to consolidate their claim

to be the only legitimate and

viable Palestinian leadership.

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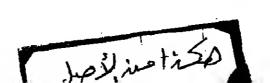
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Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Assad (second frm left) Sunday chairs a seminar commemorating the poet Arar at

Irbid celebrates Yarmouk anniversary

ceremony under Royal patronage in commemoration of Yarmouk battle which took place in the northern parts of Jordan near Irbid in 636 A.D., when Islamic forces led by Khaled Ibn Al Walid bear a Byzantine force in the Yarmouk plains.

According to Dr. Khaled festival, organised by the uni-Omari, dean of the students, versity's Jordanian Studies Cenaffairs department, the tre, entails analytical discussion anniversary which is being cele-hrated by the university for the fifth year will be observed with cultural as well as recreational and sports activities involving students and the local community.

Omari said that as usual a torch will be carried from the ancient site of the Yarmouk hattle, west Al Assad who outlined the life of the present Shama Kfarat and poetry work of Arar, and town, to the Yarmouk University campus, a distance of 25 kilnmetres. He said that the armed forces and the local community colleges and schools will be involved in the different activi-

This year's celebrations will involve participation of students of the Arab Cooperation Council countries: Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen, as well as students from Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain, according to Omari.

He said that the anniversary is

IRBID (J.T.) — Yarmouk University will Monday organise a ceremony under Royal patronage an expression of national pride in the achievements of the Arah ancestors in their defence of the Arah homeland.

On the eve of the occasion. Yarmouk University Sunday opened poetry festival in honour of the late Jordanian poet Mustafa Wahhi Al Tal, better known. by his literary name, Arar. The of Arar potery as well as a gener-al literary discussion of Jordanian theatre, short story and poetry in the second half of the 20th cen-

The festival's opening session was addressed by Miniister nf Higher Education Nassereddin aspects of the late poet's charac-

ter and personality.
Other speakers included the university President Mohammad Hamdan, Iraqi poet Abdul Wah-hah Al Bayyati and Dr. Ahmad d Okla from the Studies Centre.

The festival, which will last three days, is being attended by a large group of intellectuals and representatives of a number of ministries and local departments as well as researchers in Arabic literature and poetry from Jordan and other Arah states.

Swedish aid official arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) -- Lena Wallensteen, director of international training at the Swedish Agency for Technical and Economical Cooperation (BITS), arrived here on an official visit Mondy on invitation from the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) in order to follow up and find ways for further development between Jordan and BITS.

Since 1982 different authorities, mainly the TCC, Jordan Electricity Authority, Jordan Railways, Ministry of Agriculture

Telecommunications, through coordination and supervision of the Ministry of Planning, have "sent participants to advanced management training programmes in Sweden. These programmes have been sponsored hy

and Ministry of Transport and

The expected outcome is to facilitate and further strengthen the relations between Jordan and Sweden as well as find practical solutions to promote manage-

Cypriot trade team here

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - A Cypriot economic delegation Sunday arrived here on a four-day visit to discuss scopes of cooperation

between Jordan and Cyprus.
The delegation, which groups representatives of the Cypriot Ministry of Trade and Industry and 13 different companies, will hold talks with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Federation of Jordanian

Chambers of Commerce aimed at increasing the volume of trade hetween the two countries.

The delegation will also attend the opening at the Jordan Inter-continental Hotel in Amman of a third Cypriot exhibition of national products.

The four-day exhibition which opens Monday displays samples of Cypriot foodstuff, clothing. machinery and other materials.

Media workshop discussed skills

AMMAN (J.T.) - Latest international media planning skills and techniques were discussed at the second media workshop by Intermarkets in Dubai, United Arah Emirates.

Media planners from Intermarkers Advertising Agency network attended the workshop. This meeting reminded the participants that it is their responsibility to continue to upgrade the media planning function, setting the standards for the Arah advertising industry to

Participants from : Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lehanon, U.K., Kuwait,

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

An art exhibition displaying pointings by children at the Housing Bank Complex.

* A book exhibition at the Wasfi Tal Industrial School, Irbid. An exhibition of Jordanian-Soviet stamps at Alia Art Gallery ---8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

An exhibition entitled "The Tuebingen Atlas of the Middle East" at the Mu'ta University.

A photography exhibition displaying photos depicting various aspects of life in China at the University of Jordan. 2 An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Basim Al Sheikh which

includes paintings depicting Jordanian costumes through ages and modern views of Amman at Philadelphia Hall. A book exhibition displaying British books on the Islamic world at the University of Jordan.

An art exhibition by Salma Hamad Al Thani at the Royal Cuitural Centre.

☆ A photography exhibition by Haitham Jweinst at the Profes-sional Associations Complex.

LECTURE

A lecture by Minister of Supply Fayez Tarawneh on "Food Security" at Al Ahli Ciab, Wadi Sir - 6:00 p.m.

with film entitled "Demons in the Garden," shown as part of the Spanish Plan Week, at the Royal Cultural Centre —

Head of Arab Human Rights Organisation:

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Human rights, development go hand in hand

By Rania Atalla Joradan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Real political stability and economic growth can only be achieved once human rights are respected, according to Adib Al Jader, head of the Arah Human Rights Organisation

(AHRO).
"As long as there is no real respect for buman rights there can be no development - economic problems will arise and political stability will never be achieved," Jader, who is in Amman attending a two-day conference on hu-man rights in the Arah World, told the Jordan Times in an inter-

That the heginnings of political stability and development lay in the respect by governments for human rights is a fact accepted by the world at large, Jader said. In the Arab World, "flagrant violations of every aspect of human rights, are still being committed, hut there are indications of change - indications which could signal the beginning of the end.
"Improvements (in human

rights records among Arab countries) which started very slowly at the beginning, are now picking up," Jader said, adding that both international pressures and to their families. efforts of human rights organisa-

tions accounted for the change. Since it was established in December 1983, the Cairo-hased AHRO has worked on educating people about their human rights." Part of its job is to explain to the public in the Arah World all international conventions related. Jader said adding that such to human rights in addition to pressure was becoming intheir country's own laws and con-



Adib Al Jader stitution

The or nis tion also attempts to intervene with Arah governments, defending individuals whose ribts have been violated. For example, in cases of arrests without hwful reason, or arrests carried out in violation of local laws or international norms, the organisation writes directly to the concerned government in an attempt to put an end to such violations. Provided the concerned government agrees, the organisation sends lawyers to defend individuals whose rights have been violated and in some cases, offers financial assistance

"Our job is not to carry out political work, and changing reg-imes is not our task. We are merely a pressure group with a moral weight working through our friends and members, through public opinion, the press and international organisations. creasingly important in the Arah large step," be concluded.

The AHRO criteria applied in evaluating human rights records in the Arah World include a government's signing of and adherence to international agreements on human rights, reservations expressed by governments on such agreements, permission granted to human rights organisations to operate in the country in addition to the existence or absence of what Jader called "pluralism in opinion."

The AHRO deals with all sorts of human rights violations in the Arah World — political, econo-mic and cultural — and in Jader's own admittance, the organisation faces considerable obstacles.

We certainly have difficulties with most, if not all, governments, but the situation varies from one country to another," Jader said, adding that the AHRO has official branches in Egypt, Sudan and Lebanon and in countries where it has no official status, it is represented by other human rights organisations. In some countries still, the organisation does not have any contacts at all.

According to Jader, AHRO is negotiating with Jordanian offi-cials the possibility of giving the organisation official status in the country. At present, he said, AHRO bas 200 "active mem-

bers"-in Jordan. Jader said he was neither optimistic nor pessimistic about the human rights situation in the near future. "If we want to develop and have modern societies, we have to pass this stage and in 10 years we have to have achieved a

25 cases of AIDS in Jordan — official

number of AIDS cases in Jordan now stands at 25 up from 22 in February 1989 with the death toll this year put at three up from two in 1988, according to a Ministry of Health official quoted by the

Most of the cases of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) were caused by blood transfusion that took place abroad, the official said. Director of Health Ministry

Communicatible Disease Department Hani Shammout was quoted as saying that the ministry was expecting AIDS cases in Jordan this year to reach 35.

likely to die during 1989, but be abead with an anti-AIDS campaign through a national committee formed last year. The com-Ministries of Health, Education, Interior, Higher Education and Awgaf and Islamic Affairs as well

Women. Shammout revealed that in 90 per cent of the cases.

'Dr. Shammout said that two of meningitis cases are on the inthe present AIDS carriers are crease in the country and the Ministry of Health was carrying added that the problem is now out a mass vaccination program-under control since the ministry me to immunise school students imports no blood and is going and conscripts against the killer disease. Shammout revealed that be-

tween seven and eight meningitis mittee groups representatives of cases are reported in Jordan every month.

Shammout also said that the Ministry of Health was going as the Public Security Depart-ment, the Jordanian Bar Associa-immunisation against tetanus. tion, the General Union of The campaign is largely directed young women and General Federation of Jordanian mothers. Shammout said, and noted that the diseases is deadly



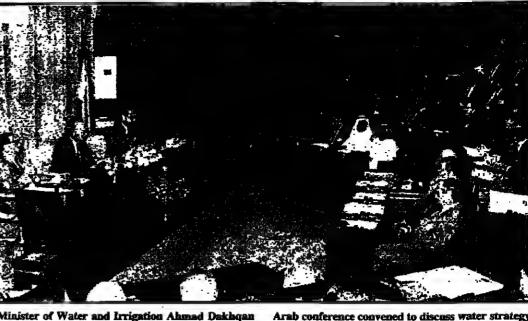
LECTURE: Information Minister Hani Khapolicy. Present were senior officers from the Public Security Department and the Police Academy (Petsawneh Sunday delivered a lecture at the Police Academy on the principles of Jordan's information ra photos)

GRADUATION: A NEW batch of police and security offic-ers specialising bodyguarding graduated here Sunday at a cere-mony attended by Public Security Department (PSD) Director Abdul Hadi Al Majali. The graduates who have just concluded a rigorous training course presented a performance of their skills in shooting at mobile and stationary targets during the graduation ceremony. They later received their diplomas and awards from Lt.-Gen. Majali (Petra photo).





BOOKS, BOOKS: Am exhibition of British books on the Islamic world was opened Sunday at the University of Jordan. The exhibition which was opened by the University's Vice President Mahmoud Al Samra includes about 250 titles and aims at acquainting the university's students and teaching staff with the United Kingdom's latest publications on various Islamic topics. The exhibition which is organised by the British Council in Amman is to last for three



Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan (centre on the rostrum) Sunday presides over an

12 Arab countries discuss water resources

Conference seeks joint waterstrategy

all levels. The present water re-

sources are not sufficient for

drinking and irrigation and

domestic purposes, and therefore

close and more serious coopera-

tion should be initiated by the

Arab states to deal with the prob-

He said that the meeting is

designed to identify the real

amounts of water needed for

different purposes in the Arab

area and ways through which the

Arah World can cooperate to

develop these resources.

lem, Salameh said.

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Delegates from 12 Arab countries including Jordan opened a two-day meeting at the University of Jordan Sunday to discuss water resources in the Arab World and means of developing them for domestic, agricultural and industrial uses.

Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan opened the meeting with a speech noting that Jordan has been striving to handle its water problems, and expressing hopes that the present conference will provide new ideas and pave the ground for inter-Arah cooperation in water-related affairs.

Jordan which bas limited water resources attaches great importance to the conference and to a unified water strategy for the Arah World, the minister said.

Dr. Adnan Al Bakhit, dean of the scientific research department at the University of Jordan, called on Arab countries to cooperate in water resources exploitation in a bid to avoid any shortages. He said the University of Jordan has established a Water Research and Study Centre (WRSC) in order to belp the Kingdom exploit and manage its water resources on a sound basis.

The director of the WRSC Dr. Elias Salameh told the meeting that the Arab World lacks a proper water resources strategy and lacks sufficient water resources to cope with all needs at

Jordan, India to increase, diversify trade exchange

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Jordan and India Sunday announced their intention to diversify and increase the volume of trade exchanged between them during 1989

A statement issued at the conclusion of the joint Jordanian-Indian economic committee meeting said that Jordan will purchase \$50 million worth of Indian products during 1989 in a hid to adjust the halance of trade which is now heavily in favour of Jordan.

The statement said that India will this year huy one and a half million tonnes of phosphate. 550,000 tonnes of potash and 200,000 tonnes of fertilizers.

The two sides also agreed to organise trade fairs for Indian and Jordanian products in Amman and New Delhi to orient the public in either country on the types of products produced in each; and to allow direct sale to the public, according to the statement.

The statement followed the signing of minutes of deliberations by the heads of the two sides to the talks which lasted for nearly a week.

According to Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Mohammad Saggaf, the Jordanian side has welcomed India's participation in the implementation of Jordanian development projects. He said the joint committee will hold a meeting in October to study the implementation of the agreement.

The Indian side to the meeting was led by Mr. R. Renien, the Indian Ministry of Trade's under secretary who was received earlier by Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa and other Jordanian ministers to discuss bilateral cooperation in several

Renjen also had meetings with the president and members of the Amman Chambers of Industry and Trade and Jordanian businessmen to discuss trade.

of the Rivers Nile, Tigris, Euphrates and the River Jordan are to be reviewed. The two-day meeting was orga-nised by the WRSC, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, the Higher Council for Science and Technology and the Royal Scien-

tific Society.
Last November, Dakhqan told regional semmar in Amman, which convened to discuss management of water resources, that the Kingdom was expected to need 266 million cubic metres of water for annual consumption hy

water prnhlems, joint Arah action in water affairs, the sources

the year 2005. He said the Ministry of Water and Irrigation plans to intensify efforts to provide sufficient amounts through prospecting for new sources and through the con-Working papers on water struction of dams and drilling of strategy, ways of dealing with additional artesian wells.

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By Waleed Sadi

Jordan Times

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One way out for Lebanon

IT has become clear now that current Arab and international efforts to stop the carnage in Lebanon have not succeeded to the degree desired and aspired for. The latest call by the U.N. Security Council on the parties to the Lebanese conflict to stop the bloodbath has only brought additional indiscriminate shelling of civilian targets. Obviously a different kind of panacea must be sought in view of the fact that all past efforts, no matter how sincere, have failed to stem the internecine fighting and killing in Lebanon. To begin with, being an Arab country and a full fledged member of the Arab League, Lebanon and Lebanese affairs must be viewed as essentially Arab affairs and concerns. It follows, therefore, that more is expected from the Arab World to stop the fighting in Lebanon than from the rest of the international

After fifteen years of trials and errors by many external parties, not to mention the tribulations and sufferings of the Lebanese people themselves, it is high time to come into grips with the armed conflict in Lebanon before any functional attempt can be made to resolve all the political, social and economical issues compounding the Lebanese scene. Given these realities, which have been proven over and over again for the past lifteen years, one is forced to conclude that only the deployment of an inter-Arab peace keeping force in Lebanon can offer a chance to cool off emotions and stop the killing in Lebanon as a necessary prelude to the kind of dialogue and rectifications in the Lebanese structure that are indispensable for a durable peace and stability in that country. Such an inter-Arab peace keeping force could be constituted of neutral Arab states which have not taken sides or pronounced judgments on the guilt or innocence of the various fighting factions in

To be sure, if there is ever need for an inter-Arab peace keeping force it is now and in Lebanon to be exact. There is simply no other operational formula to stop the bloodletting on and it is high time that the full spirit of the Arab League be hrought to practice in bleeding Lebanon. The Arab World has the toois and machinery to come to the rescue of the Lebanese people and it is their solemn duty to act in a way that has the potential of reversing the tide of war and destruction in Lebanon. The projected Arab summit due to be beld in Riyadh soon could very well serve as the launching pad for such an Arab peace force. For the sake of Lebanon and the Lebanese, the Arab World is duty bound to give peace in Lebanon a viable chance.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

THE work of the six-member Arab League mediation committee is tackled by Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspaper Sunday. The paper said that the committee is currently pursuing its efforts to end the mad war in Lebanon and to end the sufferings of the Lebanese people. The on-going fighting between the two parties in the Lebanese capital and its suburhs does not pose a serious threat to Lebanon alone, but rather to the whole Arab region, and opens the way for Israel and its agents to benefit from the strife, the paper noted. It is no wonder then, adds the paper, to see the Israelis bent on prolonging the fighting as much as possible on the one hand, and to see the Arab League trying with all its force to end the war on the other. The six-member committee wants to end the war which is draining Arab resources and weakening the Arab Nation; and above all, distracting the Arabs from their real enemy which is occupying the Palestinian land, the paper pointed out. It said that the Arabs must end the conflict and the bloodshed in Lebanon so that they can exert all their efforts towards convening an international peace conference to end the ordeal of the Palestinian people.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily refers to rumours circulated in the Western press about Iraqi-Egyptian cooperation with Argentina for the manufacture of a new generation of rockets capable of carrying nuclear warheads. Tareq Masarweh says the rumours were circulated on the eve of Egyptian President Hosni Muharak's visit to the United States to take up the Middle East question and demand an end to Israel's occupation. The rumours were timed to coincide with the visit in a hid to weaken Egypt's position and render the president's attempts futile, the writer notes. He says that the Iraqis are determined to possess sufficient power, nuclear or otherwise, to deter any enemy attack on its territory and all the Arabs bave the right to possess means to defend themselves so as not to remain under the mercy of Israel and its Western allies. The writer says that the time has gone when the Arabs were considered to be a weak nation incapable of rising to meet the challenge.

In an editorial, Al Dustour daily called on Israel to wake up to the fact that it can never perpetuate its occupation of the occupied Arab territory. The paper said that Israel should realise that its war machinery and its iron fist policies and the repression it exercises on the Palestinians can by no means prolong its stay in the Arah land. The paper said that Israel has tried to quell the uprising with all its force and its power, but has failed so far to achieve this goal because the Palestinians are determined to regain their rights and their land at any cost, regardless of the sacrifices. The paper referred to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to the United States which it said was preceded by a campaign of killings and home demolition and detention of Arabs in the occupied territories. It said that such atrocities will not gain Shamir any support from the U.S. administration which is awaiting new ideas for a settlement.

Sawt Al Shaab daily tackled the monetary and financial measures taken by the government in the past years to revitalise the national economy. It said that the measures have borne fruit and are steering the economy in its right path. The paper said that this view was hacked by the International Monetary Fund team which has been holding talks with the Jordanian government.

Weekly Political Pulse

Arab strategy for human rights

IT is most relevant that Jordan has hosted the recent 'Arah conference on human rights and humanitarian issues. Full credit for Jordan's pioneering initiatives in these domains go to His Majesty King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan, who on more than one international occasion made Jordan voice on them well known. As recently as the occasion of the convening of the select summit on the protection of the earth's space from dangerous pollutants at the Hague last month, His Majesty the King made the most poignant observation to that gathering when he reminded them that the right to life stands out as the most precious and fundamental right of all other human rights. In so saying and declaring, King Hussein has set the tone for Jordan's perspective and ideology in the realm of human rights. Likewise, Crown Prince Hassan's decades-long involvement in humanitarian issues, touching deeply on human rights pursuits, found recent expression in his co-chairing of the International Independent Commission on Humanitarian Issues. The relevancy of such commitments to buman rights goals and aspirations lies in the fact that they define Jordan's orientation and perspective in human

No country or a group of countries or even individuals for that matter can pursue the subject of buman rights and humanitarian issues without the benefit of a clearly defined strategy and ideology. This proposition brings us in the Arab World face to face with the fact that we need to develop an inter-Arab strategy towards buman rights and humanitarian issues. It goes without

saying that the elaboration and formulation of such an Arabperspective on human rights and humanitarian issues would require a thorough consultation and aforethought within the context of an independent Arab commission constituted of experts enjoying the highest possible calibre of moral and ethical standards. As the Arab countries share many common conflicts and issues, not to mention one history, and are, relatively speaking, of the same age politically, socially and culturally, there are clearly many shared common denominators that would necessitate the formulation of a shared attitude and ideology on such pressing issues as buman rights and bumanitarian issues.

In fact the Arah delegations to various international and! regional fora on such subjects as human rights and humanitarian issues seldom speak with one tongue not to mention one ideal and standard. The only buman rights subject that artificially bring them together are those related to Israeli practices in the occupied territories. By and large Arah contributions to human rights deliberations are formalistic and devoid of a distinct ideology and perspective. The distinct impression that Arab speakers leave among other participants in buman rights meetings is that they are not there specifically to promote human rights. The lack of Arab coherence on buman rights subjects and bumanitarian issues often mars Arab intellectual and political prowess on them and in the final analysis smears the Arab image altogether before other

As Arab and Islamic standards and practices on these subjects

are indeed rich and on par in excellence with contributions of other civilisations, be they from the East or the West, the Arab World is doing itself a great deal of injustice and doing its image an irreparable harm by not drawing heavily on our Islamic and Arab traditions and heritages when formulating our final judgements on such subjects. In the realm of humanitarian issues, Arab military culture is so bumane and progressive that could dwarf even the most contemporary efforts to fortify humanitarian practices in armed conflicts as reflected in the two 1977 protocols to the Geneva Conventions. Similarly, our religion, heritage and culture are laden, with clearly defined standards on human rights aspirations and objectives that could fill thousands of pages.
When the West keeps on bragging that the Universal Declaration
on Human Rights of 1948 and all other human rights instruments adopted on the heels of that Declaration are the product of Western civilisation, we Arabs are duty bound to make our contributions on the hasis of our culture and heritage audible enough for all the world to bear and appreciate; to remind everyone that Arabs have a great history and civilisation.

Any such inter-Arab independent commission on human rights and humanitarian issues, as suggested above, would serve as the kind of platform from which to launch such an Arab contribution to human rights and humanitarian issues worldwide. There is no more excuse to stay silent on such contemporary matters, and since we as Arabs have a lot to say about them, we are duty bound to make our voice heard loud and clear.

Pledge to save planet Earth

The following is the full text of the Declaration of the Hagne, signed on March 11 by 24 states for the protection of the ozone layer. His Majesty King Hussein signed the Declaration on behalf of Jordan.

Declaration of the Hague

THE RIGHT TO LIVE is the right from which all other rights stem. Guaranteeing this right is the paramount duty of those in charge of all States throughout the world.

Today, the very conditions of life on our planet are threatened by the severe attacks to which the earth's atmosphere is subjected.

Authoritative scientific studies bave shown the existence and scope of considerable dangers linked in particular to the warming of the atmosphere and to the deterioration of the ozone layer.

The latter has already led to action, under the 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 1987
Montreal Protocol, while the former is being addressed by the
Intergovernmental Panel on
Climatic Change established by
UNEP and WMO, which has just begun its work. In addition the U.N. General Assembly adopted Resolution 43/53 on the Protection of the Global Climate in 1988, recognising climate change concern of kind.

According to present scientific knowledge, the consequences of these phenomena may well jeopardise ecological systems as well as the most vital interests of mankind at large.

Because the problem is planet-

wide in scope, solutions can only be devised on a global level. Because of the nature of the dangers involved, remedies to be sought involve not only the fundamental duty to preserve the ecosystem, but also the right to live in dignity in a viable global environment, and the consequent duty of the community of nations vis-a-vis present and future gen-erations to do all that can be done to preserve the quality of the atmosphere.

Therefore we consider that, faced with a problem the solution to which bas three salient features. namely that it is vital, urgent and global, we are in a situation that calls not only for implementation of existing principles but also for a new approach, through the development of new principles of international law including new and more effective decision-making and enforcement mechanisms.

What is needed bere are regulatory, supportive and adjustment measures that take into account the participation and potential contribution of countries which have reached different levels of development. Most of the emissions that affect the atmosphere at present originate in the industrialised nations. And it is in these same nations that the room for change is greatest, and these nations are also those which have the greatest resources to deal with this problem effectively...

The international community and especially the industrialised nations have special obligations to assist developing countries which will be very negatively affected by changes in the atmosphere although the responsibility of many of them for the process

may only be marginal today. Financial institutions and development agencies, be they international or domestic, must coordinate their activities in order to promote sustainable development.

Without prejudice to the international obligations of each State, the signatories acknowledge and will promote the following principles:
(a) The principle of develop-

ing, within the framework of the United Nations, new institutional authority, either by strengthening existing institutions or by creating a new institution, which, in the

context of the preservation of the earth's atmosphere, shall be responsible for combating any further global warming of the atmosphere and shall involve such decision-making procedures as may be effective even if, on occasion, unanimous agreement has not been achieved:

(b) The principle that this institutional authority undertake or commission the necessary studies, be granted appropriate information upon request, ensure the circulation and exchange of scientific and technological information — including facilita-

and define standards to enhance or guarantee the protection of the atmosphere and monitor com-

(c) The principle of appropriate measures to promote the effective implementation of and compliance with the decisions of the new institutional authority. decisions which will be subject to control by the International Court of Justice;

(d) The principle that countries to which decisions taken to protect the atmosphere shall prove to be an abnormal or special bur-den, in view, inter alia, of the level of their development and actual responsibility for the deterioration of the atmosphere. tion of access to the technology shall receive fair and equitable

assistance to compensate them for bearing such burden. To this end mechanisms will have to be (e) The negotiation of the

necessary legal instruments to provide an effective and coherent foundation, institutionally and financially, for the aforementioned principles.

The Heads of State and Government or their representatives,

who have expressed their endorsement of this Declaration by placing their signatures under it, stress their resolve to promote the principles thus defined by: furthering the development

of their initiative within the United Nations and in close coordination and collaboration with existing agencies set up under the

auspices of the United Nations,
— inviting all States of the
world and the international organisations competent in this field to join in developing, taking into account studies by the IPCC, the

establish institutional authority and to implement the other principles stated above to protect the atmosphere and to counter climate change, particularly global urging all States of the world

framework conventions and other

legal instruments necessary to

and the international organisa-tions competent in this field to sign and ratify conventions relating to the protection of nature and the environment;

- calling upon all States of the world to endorse the present dec-

The original of this Declaration; drawn up in French and English, will be transmitted to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which will retain it in its archives. Each of the participating States will receive from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands a true copy of this Declaration.

The Prime Minister of the Netherlands is requested to transmit the text of this Declaration, which is not eligible for registration under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, to all members of the United Na-

The Hague, March 11, 1989.

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Syrian hopes buoyed by oil rise

By Geraldine Bishop

NICOSIA. Cyprus — A hundred thousand barrels of oil a day may be a drop in the ocean of oil already possessed by the major producers in the Middle East, but it may prove important in Syria's struggle towards economie recovery.

The Omar oilfield, which came

onstream in mid-February, has hrought Syria's oil production to about 300,000 barrels a day, about the same as the current out-put by OPEC member Qatar. Syria is not a member of the Vienna-based 13-member Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, but it forms part of the smaller regional grouping, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). Prime Minister Mahmud Zubi,

who announced the increase in a who announced the increase in a well publicised ceremony at Dair Al Zoor, in eastern Syria, also said the country's crude oil production would rise to 400,000 b/d before the end of the year and more when results of current exploration become known. Syria expects, he said, to benefit from as yet unproven reserves. British Petroleum surveys bave deter-

to match the massive output by its nance." neighbours, missed the bus in the pan-Arab prosperity brought about by the price boom of the 1970s. Once again, bowever, ex-perts see the Syrian attempts at boosting oil production and exports as ill-timed — with prices depressed and the market facing a glut of about 2 million barrels a

day of excess oil. OPEC in recent weeks has reported success with its diplomatic drive for a price and production discipline — fundamentally, the decision by each and every producer to restrain output and refrain from discounting. How the Syrian increase sits with the OPEC price vigilantes remains unclear, but it has been greeted with enthusiasm in Damascus.

At current prices the additional output should bring at least \$1.5. million of hard currency into the Syrian treasury at a time of need. This will be at a time when President Hafez Al Assad is baving to respond positively to the urgings of his Arab counterparts to bring

nes), or about .2 per cent of the world total.

Syria has been pumping oil what one Arab diplomat desince the early 1960s hut, unable scribed as "previous Syrian disso-

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sion to the group is due to be discussed and, according to Arab

President Assad's response has observers, finalised. Assad had

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plomatic missives from other Arah countries. An indication of the shift came when the Egyptian agriculture minister turned up unexpectedly at a recent conference hosted by Syria. priority for President Assad amid a chronic recession caused chiefly hy military spending and a mounting military debt to the Soviet Union. The proportion of

development investment in Syria declined from about 60 per cent in 1970 to 49 per cent in 1982 and in subsequent years state spending in several key sectors has failed to pick up.

Although agriculture and industrial development progressed

in the past two decades, despite the setbacks of the 1967 war and Syria's involvement in Lebanon, the country's balance of payments difficulties multiplied during the period.

Syria's total external debt liability bas jumped from \$3.2 billion in 1982 to \$4.5 billion, but this excludes the military debt to Moscow, which may be as high as \$14 billion. Any increase in the oil revenue, even in a depressed market as now, therefore is seen

his politics into line with Syria's in Damascus as a welcome change — Academic File. mined Syria's reserves to be 1.8 economic realities. The country's billion barrels (300 million ton-



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Some stopped eating meat long ago

By Monte Haves The Associated Press

LIMA, Peru - From cab drivers to congressmen, Peruvians are asking what went wrong in this Andean nation, which faces economic chaos and a savage leftist insurgency that threatens to explode into civil war.

Peru had one of South America's strongest economies until the 1960s. But inflation hit a record 1,722 per cent last year and is expected to soar above 10,000 per cent in 1989, pushing wages down to survival levels. The economy shrank 9 per cent in 1988 and is likely to contract even more this year.

The collapse is putting bun-dreds of thousands of people out of work in the continent's thirdlargest country - and one of its

The economic collapse bas hit the middle class and the poor the hardest. Purchasing power has plummeted by at least 50 per cent in the last year. A doctor at a public hospital earns the equivalent of \$80 a month. A public school teacher earns \$55. An army general's salary has fallen from \$1,100 a month in 1980 to

\$200 today. Although many blame President Alan Garcia, most independent analysts say the economic crisis had been building for decades and that Garcia's populist,

14,000 dead

Attacks by the fanatical Shining Path guerrilla group also have accelerated in recent months, and the death toll from its 9-year-old insurgency has surpassed 14,000. Blackouts and bombs have become part of daily life in Lima.

These are the days of the

anonymous nocturnal bullet, of the slashing of throats of village officials, of the disappearance of union leaders," Cesar Hilder-brandt, editor of Si magazine, wrote in a recent column.

Highway bandits have begun waylaying bases and antomobiles, making travel outside Lima dangerous and adding to the sense of a disintegrating nawhere law and order have

Many Peruvians now speak of "the civil war that is coming," seeing it as inevitable.

"There is a very real danger that Peru, without realising it, is sinking deeper into the swamps of fratricidal war," Oiga magazine warned in a recent editorial.

Surveys show most people have little faith that solutions will be found to the economie collapse or political chaos.

Garcia, a dynamic young leader, was elected in 1985 as "the president of hope." But his de-

free-spending policies were simp-ly the detonator. fiant stance against paying fore-ign debt cut Peru off from international aid. Critics say his uncontrolled spending bankrupted the country.

Angry crowds now shout "Alan, you charlatan" when be speeds by in heavily armed con-

In recent months, Lima has been hit by waves of coup rumours. Many doubt the presidential election scheduled for April 1990 will take place.

Former Lima mayor Alfonso Barrantes, a Marxist, is one of the favourites in the campaign. The other front-runner is writer Mario Vargas Llosa, leader of a center-right coalition, but most polls show neither has majority support. Most of those polled say they trust none of the candi-

"What worries me is the kind of future I am going to leave my children," said Morty Weisselberg, 41. a second-generation Peruvian. "The future that this country offers is very different from the one 30 years ago when I was in the position of my children. Then there was a bright future for the country, at least

Late last year, Weisselberg gave up a high-paying job as manager of a small metallurgical company and migrated with his wife and two small daughters to

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They were among 150,000 Peruvians, most of them professionals and skilled workers, who bought one-way tickets out the country in 1988, the largest exodus in Peru's history.

Many people blame the economic decline on several decades of government mismanagement, controls that have stifled private enterprise and strident nationalism that bas frightened away foreign investors and isolated Peru from world financial centres.

A striking illustration of Peru's fall: in 1976 the country produced 34,000 automobiles, this year it is expected to assemble 3,500 at the most. There are no buyers for

But more than the somber economic future, Weisselberg said what frightened him most were the country's deep class divisions and growing violence. "It's the problem of living in a

country that has a large population that is almost starving, has no means of support and is reproducing faster and faster all the time," he said.

That view is shared by many political analysts. They agree that Peru's social and racial divisions, inherited from the Spanish colonial era, bave spawned class hatred that threatens to rip apart the fabrie of society.



A father and his children in their home. There's a limit beyond which people can be pushed no further

The scorn and discrimination shown by the white elite toward the dark-skinned Indian and Mestizo majority has generated deep resentment among the poor, social scientists say

Humiliation + oppression "Political violence in Peru is

not the result of poverty alone, but of bumiliation, oppression, class hatred, racism,"-said Seu. Enrique Bernales, head of a blueribbon senate panel on violence.

Many Peruvian and foreign

political experts say the country stands at a critical point in its history in which an antiquated, mequitable and inefficient political structure is crumbling.

"For me, the Shining Path is nothing more than the violent natural expression of this social explosion. If it bad not been

Sendero, sooner or later there would have been another group. said Luis Lumbreras, one of Peru's most important archaeologists.

Lumbreras is from Avacucho. the impoverished highland pro-vince where the Mao-inspired Shining Path — "Sendero luminoso" in Spanish — launched its insurgency in 1980, after 10 years

of patient organising among

Quechua-speaking Indians in the countryside. Peru covers 1,285,216 square kilometres an area more than twice the size of France, and has a population of 21 million. But just as it is divided by class and race, it is sharply separated by geography into three regions — the Andean Sierra, the coastal deserts and the

Amazon jungle — that have little

Migrations

In the 1950s, highland peasants began to crowd into Lima, looking for a better life. The migration has accelerated in recent years as the countryside bas turned into a battlefield.

With the Shining Path insurgency and the forced integration of Lima and other coastal cities, Pero's ruling white class bas begun to feel challenged for ties, Pero's ruling white class as begun to feel challenged for the first time.

Lima, once the royal capital of the Spanish empire in South the Spanish empire in Spanish

the Spanish empire in South America, is surrounded by the bleakest shantytowns on the continent, bome to two-thirds of the city's 7 million inhabitants.

The settlements look like enof straw thatch, which would

wash away in a rainstorm. But Peru's bone-dry coast gets almost no rain and the highland squatters are saved from the calamity

of losing their flimsy shelters. Dorotea Sandoval lives with her busband and eight children in the shantytown of villa El Salvador, where mothers boil fish beads to give a thin broth to their children.

led by gates and armed guards. Except for the pockets of the rich, Lima bas a threadbare look. Mangy dogs sometimes mingle with the poor to dig through piles campments of a down-and-out of garbage in front of deteriorat-invading army. Most shacks are ing bomes in middle-class neighing bomes in middle-class neigh-

Sri Lanka: people power the election promise

By Mallika Wanigasundra

SRI LANKA — The ruling United National Party (UNP) fought the presidential election early this year at the lowest point of its popularity. Against all expectations, its candidate, Ranasinghe Premadasa, was elected by a slim majority.

But within two months the UNP turned the tide in its favour and won all but two districts and 125 seats in a 225-member Parka-

UNP projected Premadasa as a man of the people, a champion of the poor — as he hailed not from the rich, elite upper strata that has ruled the country since independence, but from the poor of the slum suburbs of Colombo.

But the one single economic platform on which the UNP swept the polls was President Premadasa's poverty alleviation scheme called Jana Saviya (People's Strength) — an unorthodox and controversial innovation.

Unlike the celebrated "trickle down" theory propounded by many economists, it is intended as a massive transfer of resources directly to the poor. It is an attempt to build up their health status and their capacity for investment in small undertakings and cottage industries.

During the next two years, 14 lakhs of families numbering around 7 million people will each receive an allowance of \$75.75 a month: balf of this will be given for everyday consumption, while the balance will be held in bank accounts for the two-year period. At the end of that time the

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savings will amount to \$757 and will be made available to them for small investment projects:

Susil Striwarden, general manager of the National Housing Development Authority and one of the main activists of the scheme, says that the consumption allowance is not a handont. but money with which the families can buy food, clothes, medicine and other essentials.

Studies have shown that almost half the Sti:Lankan population is suffering from various levels of malnutrition. Children are particularly affected. President The recipients of the bealth scheme will all be food stamp holders, the very poor and those considered

At the end of the two years, when the Jana Saviya entrep-reneurs emerge with their small nest egg of Rs. 25,000, they will be advised on myestment. Some ideas include small low-tech packages for the manufacture of energy efficient cookers, cheap lighting and deep-well water-lifting devices and biogas units.

The cost of such support schemes will run into billions of Eliminate waste and we will

find the money, says Premadasa, who is treating waste elimination

He has set a challenge: "If the scientist and the technologist cannot eliminate poverty, unemployment and want, what need have we for such science and technology? The poor are served better by buffaloes, dranght cattle and

TAMIL POPULATION



Black students speak out after whites beat up blacks at

Study finds crimes of racism more violent than thought

By Arlene Levinson The Associated Press

by bigotry are more violent than previously assumed according to a study by Northeastern Universi-

"The idea that a civil rights violation consists of kids painting Graffiti on a church or throwing a rock through a window does not describe the type of incidents reported to the Boston police," Professor Jack McDevitt wrote in his study for the center for ap-plied social research at Northeastern University.

"More than 50 per cent of the incidents of racial violence identified in our study are acts of a very serious and potentially injury-resulting character.'

The study, released Monday, examined 452 crimes reported from 1983 to 1987 and identified by the Boston Police community disorders unit as motivated by

bigotry.
The crimes included whites assaulting a white boyfriend of a black female, bricks thrown through windows, a Swastika painted on a synagogue and assaults on homosexuals.

Fifty-three per ceut of the erimes were categorised as physical assaults, and 47 per cent as property damage.

Howard J. Ehrlich, research

director of the National Institute an independent organisation in Baltimore, called the Northeast-ern study "the first really decent confuses people is that, because analysis of hard data."

Such research reinforces findthat one out of four or five tude lets us understand that we minority persons will be victi- can change attitudes," Erhlich mised during the course of a year, said.

"It's very underreported," McDevitt'said, "Victims fear re-BOSTON - Crimes motivated taliation and victims will deny it's a hate crime. If you feel you're a victim because of your religion or your colour, then each time you step out the door (you fear) you're going to be attacked."

AMONG THE FINDINGS:

- Sixty-three per cent of the racial incidents were perpetrated by whites, 33 per cent by blacks. Four per cent of such offenses were committed by people of Hispanic or Asian origin.

- .The largest percentage of victims — 35 per cent — were white, followed by blacks, 32 percent. Vietnamese, 12 per cent, other Asian, 11 per cent, Hispamics, including Portuguese, 7 per cent and Jews, 1 per cent. Nearly one-third of the victims were

- In 30 per cent of the cases, victims were told they were being attacked because they "did not belong" in a neighbourhood.

Sixty four per cent of the racial attacks were committed by more than one individual, and most involved four or more people ganging up against a lone

Ehrlich said it's estimated that up to 70 per cent of such crimes. including verbal assaults, are nev-Against Prejudice and Violence, er reported. But he said society can work to get rid of bigotry.

it's learned so early, they believe it's inmate or natural. Underings of the Baltimore Institute standing that it's a learned atti-

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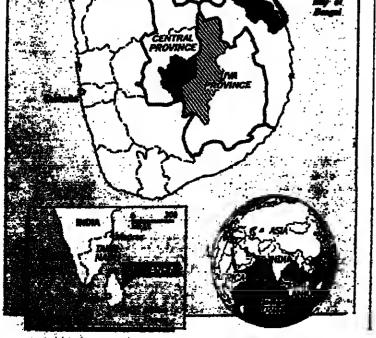
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Most Soviet urban residents

live in high-rise apartment build-

ings, even on the outskirts of

town. Some reform economists

have suggested that the severe

housing shortage might be eased

by belping individuals to build

Politburo member and party

agricultural chief Yegor

Ligachev, who has been a cham-

pion of collective farming and

previously barely mentioned leas-

ing, said in an interview on Soviet

television Saturday that private

farmers constitute a large share of

the nation's agricultural system.

the limitations in this type of

economy, especially in providing land to them," he said. "If there

is demand for one, two or three

vide it." A hectare is about 2.5

The party's reform plan calls for "removing ungrounded limits on wishes for residential gardens

and truck garden or orchard

plots," according to the TASS-

The TASS report also said that

unprofitable collective farms,

food-processing and other agri-

cultural enterprises must develop

plans to end their losses within

Guyana drastically devalues

currency, hikes interest rates

would be accompanied by a wage

"This is a hudget of violence,"

Marxist opposition People's

increase of only 20 per cent.

Progressive Party.

hectares, it is necessary to pro-

"It is necessary to remove all

their own homes.

undertaken do not guarantee the

profitable work of the money-

losing enterprises, they can be

reorganised according to regula-

tions or liquidated, with their

land transferred to other collec-

tive farms, industrial enterprises,

cooperative leasing collectives

and individual farmers," it

Prices will be set for main farm

products for the next five years,

the TASS report said. But fruit.

and vegetable prices will be set by

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev showing impatience at the

slowness of reform, has warned

the shortage of food in shops:

could pose a threat to the reform,

"The food problem is the fun-

damental problem at present,"

by the Communist Party news-

Gorbachev was quoted as saying

If we solve it, there will be a

Prayda said Gorbachev urged

colossal victory not only in the

economy but also in the political

and social spheres," he told a

support for agricultural reforms.

"If we fail to solve the prob-

lem, frankly speaking, we can

ruin the whole perestroika (res-

tructuring) and bring about se-

rious destabilisation of society.'

meeting of media editors.

'Rising interest rates worsen debt problem'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising interest rates in the United States and elsewhere are making it harder to solve the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt problem, a top official of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said.

The official, H. Onno Ruding. is finance minister of the Netherlands and chairman of the fund's Interim Committee, which makes many of the fund's major decisions. The committee's 22 members, including U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, will hold a semi-annual meeting here

"I expect some of the ministermembers 10 establish a link between economic developments on the one hand and the debt problem... in the sense that the rising rates of interest in the world, particularly here in this country hut elsewhere too of course, complicates substantially the resolution of the international debt problem," he told reporters.

It has been estimated that interest rate increases will raise costs to the debtors by \$12 billion this year over those for 1988. The rise of interest rates has been encouraged by the U.S.

back the threat of inflation. Ruding welcomed Brady's plan for reducing Third World deht and predicted that other members would, too, partly because of new elements in it and partly because it includes other ele-

on reducing the total debt. He said there would be a problem in reconciling the plan with a previous statement by the committee that the responsibility for debts to commercial banks should not be transferred to the shoulders of taxpayers. U.S. leaders have also said there should be no such transfer.

ments that bave already been

suggested — such as the emphasis

"In other words, no hail-out of commercial banks — that was basically what we were saying,' Ruding said.

"Can that be reconciled with the newest ideas? I think partially yes, partially no. I think I will put that question to my colleagues to Federal Reserve system to hold answer whether that statement project loans.

still holds true or not. After all, we said that unanimously last time," he added.

He was referring to the committee's most recent meeting in Berlin, last October.

He said there was doubt whether the fund - which is owned by governments - can provide financing to assure interest payments to commercial hanks, as Brady has suggested. Ruding welcomed Friday's agreement between the World Bank and the fund on setting conditions for their new loans and said many governments would be relieved. But he added:

"The underlying problem is still there. They overlap, and as long as they overlap you'll step on each other's toes... that may lead to a renewal of complications."

Frank Vogel, a spokesman for the World Bank, said the accord provides the fund with authority over "aggregate macroeconomic policy," which gives the IMF the leading role in deciding bow loans may affect the economy of a borrowing country. The agree-ment also leaves a loopbole for the World Bank to continue to make certain non-development

Turkish premier takes direct charge of economic policies

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime annual rate of 72 per cent. Minister Turgut Ozal, smarting from a major election defeat, has taken personal charge of economic policy to lead the fight against rampant inflation and labour un-

Ozal, who last week dismissed his unpopular hrother Yusuf Ozal as economy supremo, has to push through an anti-inflation austerity programme without further alienating voters weary of econo-

"It will be very tough for the government to solve the social aspects like labour unrest and public suffering," said Erdogan Alkin, professor of economics at Istanbul University. "It will be unable to run a very strict monet-

But Ozal has said his top priority is an austerity drive to control inflation, now running at an Yusuf Ozal, whose high-banded

Diplomats and bankers say the prime minister's political future depends on getting the economic mix right.

Inflation is seen as the main reason why more than three out of every four Turks voted against Ozal's Motherland Party in municipal elections a week ago.

Though Motherland has a big parliamentary majority and is likely to win a possible no-confidence vote Tuesday, political analysts said the government's unpopularity could force an early general election.

Central bank and treasury officials seemed unusually optimistic that Ozal would succeed in his major attempt in the past 14 months to bring down the cost of

living.

Their morale was raised when

lost his job as state minister in charge of the economy in a cabinet resbuffle Friday.

The prime minister will take direct control of the statedominated economy in a move seen as strengthening the hand of central hank governor Rusdu Saracoglu, a strict monetarist who criticised government press ure on him to print more money. 'We will lift all the pressure off

the back of the central bank, acting treasury head Namik Kemal Kilic told Reuters.

'Pressures from the kitchen' But the buying power of wages in real terms has slumped over the past 10 years and popular feelings over what officials call

the "pressures from the kitchen;"

MOSCOW (Agencies) — A top Communist Party researcher acknowledged in an article published Saturday that more than half of Soviet citizens don't have enough cash for a "rational consumer budget." The researcher, G. Zhuravlyov

of the Academy of Social Sciences of the party's Central Committee, didn't go as far as to say that poverty exists in the Soviet Union. But he came very close in the article in Vechernyaa Moskva (Evening Moscow).

"For a long time, no one talked about poverty," Zhuravlyov said. People said that it simply didn't our country, at least 40 million about a month's pay.

people can be described as poorly supplied."

... If it is assumed that rational consumer budget is 250-300 roubles (\$400-\$480) per person and if the low purchasing ability of the rouble and growth of prices is taken into account, then more than half of the country's population, with per capita incomes of less than 125 roubles (\$200) per month, cannot be called rich," be said.

The average industrial salary in the Soviet Union is 217 roubles (\$347) a month. Most families live in tight quarters with rents of only 25 roubles to 40 roubles a exist in socialist countries. But in month, hut a pair of boots costs

Canada steps up ties with the Arab World

ABU DHABI, United Arah Emirates (AP) — An Arab-Canadian chamber of commerce and industry bas been set up to give Canadian industry greater opportunity in the Arah market, the chamber's designated secretary-general, Jalal Bakdasb, said

"Most of the Arah industrial imports from the United States were Canadian-made with a U.S. label," Bakdasb told the Associated Press in Abu Dhabi.

Bakdash said that to date the Canadian industry had been "reluctant to enter" the Arab market, especially that of the oil-rich Gulf. "One of the joint chamber's main duties is to give Canadian businessmen a confidence injection," he said.

Bakdash said Canada's interest in the Arah market was an alternative to the American market which he said bas been beset by economic difficulties.

"Most of the products the Arabs import from the United States can be replaced with Canadian products at less cost," Bakdash said, indicating that the Canadian share of the Arab market could be at the expense of that of the United States.

He also said the Canadian economic turn to the Arab market coincided with a change in Canadian policy toward the Arab-Israeli conflict into what he called "a more balanced position."

Canada only recently accepted dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

This will facilitate our joh in the chamber in attracting Arabs to the Canadian market and lead to better Arab acceptance of the Canadian companies' participation in major projects in the Arab

Discontent grows over Japan's new sales tax

TOKYO (R) - It wasn't easy getting through Sunday to Japan's Economic Planning Agency (EPA) hotline dealing with queries and complaints about the new nationwide consumer

"The phones baven't stopped ringing with complaints the past two days since the tax came into effect," said an EPA official, among eight people staffing the

The sales tax of three per cent, which came into effect Saturday, is levied on most commodities, including food and clothing.

growing with the government of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, already battered by charges of corruption.
"Most of the people calf us to

complain that merchants are raising their prices far above the three per cent," the official said. The worst offenders reportedly increased prices by 10 per cent, investigators to look into the

complaints. The new tax has led to widespread fears of inflation, which the central hank of Japan has promised to monitor.

The EPA official could not say how many calls were received. "All I can say is our phones ring non-stop from 9.30 a.m. when we start work all the way up to five."

The new tax kept many sboppers away from department stores and other shops, according to a snap survey published Sunday by the ministry of international trade and industry.

By late afternoon Saturday, 97 per cent of the 148 stores surveved reported a drop in husiness that they attributed to the new

Truckers showed their dis-approval of the sales tax Sunday in a 50-vehicle demonstration that rolled through the streets of downtown Tokyo, Kyodo News Agency reported.

Burning up

Akinori Umehara, a 48-yearold truck driver told Kyodo: "When I think that every single thing I eat or drink is going to be hit with a three per cent tax, I

wages here are the equivalent of \$2.30 while a loaf of bread costs The unpopular tax comes at a time when public discontent is To the cries of "shame, shame

and hardship" from opposition parliamentarians, Finance Minis-ter Carl Greenidge announced dining a badget hearing tate Fri-

day that the devaluation measure exports - bauxite, sugar and rice British firm raises stake in Latour

Over 50% of Soviets struggle financially

new research that shows that

families with the lowest cash in-

comes also have some of the

smallest living spaces, typically

allocated by government author-

The poorest families, with per

capita incomes under 70 roubles

(\$112) per month, have just three

to five square metres of living

Many of the poorest are simply

low-income families with three

and four children, Zhuravlyov

wrote. Such large families are a

rarity in Russia, but not in the

Central Asian republics of the

Meanwhile, under the Com-

munist Party's agricultural reform plan which was released by the

official news agency TASS Saturday, even city dwellers will have

the opportunity to farm small

The plan, adopted two weeks

ago, calls for the diversification of

agriculture in a country where the

government forced the vast

majority of land into massive

collective farms in the 1930s. In-

dividuals, families and small

groups will be encouraged to

ease land and contract to pro-

Earlier reports spokes only of

ural residents leasing land, but

the full text refers also to city-

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Com-

plying with International Monet-ary Fund (IMF) conditions for aid, Guyana has drastically de-

valued its currency and doubled interest rates to 35 per cent.

With the measure, the Guyana

currency, previously fixed at 10 to the U.S. dollar, was officially 33.3 to \$1. However, by Saturday

the U.S. dollar was fetching 62

Guyana dollars on the hlack

The prices for rice, fuel, cook-

ing gas and airline tickets were

tripled Saturday. Average daily

plots of leased land.

Soviet Union.

space per person, be wrote.

bridging finance to clear arrears with the fund. Greenidge said the government expects to raise the money in two

Guyana, which has had zero growth in 10 years, is attempting to secure the IMF package to revamp its stagnant economy. This South American mation's

statement, would be to try to buy

the rest of the Chateau, which

Allied offered Pearson £56.2

of up to 30 per cent in 1988. For several months, this former British colony of 750,000 bas said Cheddi Jagan, leader of the been plagued by hardships caused hy power rationing and outages, food and fuel shortages and spiralling inflation, causing sporadic

recorded drops in production

Though the tough austerity measures were taken to satisfy IMF strikes and food riots. The Mirror, the opposition conditions for a \$1.9 billion aid package, Greenidge said the IMF party's newspaper, said Saturday has refused to conclude the deal the austerity package was "murderous, and it will create until finance-starved Guyana raises an additional \$50 million in unprecedented bardships." It said the last devaluation two years ago "caused a drop in real. wages by 45 per cent. This new steeper one will cause greater misery.

Since the death of socialist president Forbes Burnham in 1985, President Desmond Hoyte has veered to the right by priva-This South American nations tising state enterprises and en-main foleign exchange tarning couraging foreign capital invest-

Analysts highlight Australian stocks

SYDNEY (R) - After a dismal performance the Australian stockmarket is now probably the world's most attractive, with low share prices and generally good dividend pay-outs, stock analysts and economists said.

The Australian market has become quite cheap in a global

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early 1989 world sharemarket rally," Ord Minnett stock strategist Geoff Warren said. "It also offers reasonable value in absolute terms," he told Reu-

A study by Ord Minnett called "Australian Equities" said the

weak performance of the last six months means much of the potential economic risks have been

context after failing to join in the factored into the market. Stock values have become very attrac-

> in Fehruary after bad trade figures and economists say it is vulnerable to further falls once

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domestic interest rates ease. "Weakness in the Australian

The Australian dollar plunged-

dollar is a positive sign for the "Selling pressure in the stock equity market, as it provides a market appears to bave dried up. boost for profits and could induce If anything, the decision investors purchases from value-oriented inseem to be grappling with is when to buy," it added. ternational investors," Warren

In a global market study pub-lisbed by Morgan Stanley Capital International, Australia and the world's lowest stocks price/earnings ratio (P.E.) of 9.7 per cent. This compared with a world

11.9 per cent. Japan's P.E. was a huge 57.1 per cent. The Australian market looks even more attractive on a

average, excluding Japan P.E. of

prospective P.E. hasis, according to chief economist of investment hank County Natwest Australia Mark Fulton.

With a forecast that Australian P.E. would fall to around g.2 per cent in 1990, Fulton said: "On a longer term note many companies show very good value."

LONDON (K) — British 100d and drinks group Allied-Lyons PLC has moved to take a con-

trolling interest in the prestigious Chateau Latour vineyard in France's Bordeaux region. Allied-Lyons said it planned to buy a 53.5 per cent stake in

Societe Civile Du Vignoble De Chateau Latour now beld by British publishing and financial services conglomerate Pearson PLC. Allied, whose brands include Teachers and Ballantine Scotch whisky, Drambine liquer, Bristol cream sherry and Cockburn Port,

The next steps, Allied said in a

million (\$94.4 million) for the stake and said it planned to buy the remainder of Latour for similar terms from other sharehol-

growth Claret.

Pearson chairman Lord Blakenham said Latour was an ontstanding investment but Pearalready owns 25.2 per cent of

son had no related husinesses. Allied chairman Sir Derrick Holden-Brown said in a world market where demand was increasinglyy for internationally famous names and premium qual-

produces a highly prized first portfolio of famous drink brands. The deal is set for completion before the end of May after certain conditions, including French government requirements, have been met, Pearson said.

ity, Chatcau Latour was or our

standing value as part of Allied's

As a matter of course, France's finance ministry watches deals involving prestige French firms including Noble Vineyards, which are considered part of the national beritage.
But generally it does not raise.

objections provided the buyer is a Euroepean Community com-

Austrians cash in on Hungarians

BUDAPEST (R) — Hundreds of thousands of Hungarians are dashing to Austria to beat new customs rules aimed at saving the country much-needed hard cur-

Hungary is raising general cus-toms duties by half to 45 per cent on April g and cutting conces-sions to staunch the drain on the economy since it liberalised passport laws last year. The decision sent shoppers stampeding across

The Communist Party daily Nepszabadsag reported last week that the border crossings were already under a "state of siege." "We expect about 500,000 peo-

le to cross the border up to April g," Gyorgy Balogh of customs and excise service said. Not only will duties rise then

but duty-free allowances will be Hungarians will also lose a

break which allowed them to pack their relatives into the car for cross-border shopping spree,

buy a large item and club all their allowances together to reduce the customs payment. In 1988 Hungarian shoppers

seized on the introduction of Eastern Europe's most liberal travel laws to import 150,000 video recorders and 50,000 personal computers, more than seven times as many of each as Hungarian companies imported.

As a result Hungary's hard currency balance on tourism - one of its most successful industries collapsed.

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Muster stoic as Sabatini fends off Evert

KEY BISCAYNE (R) - Austrian Thomas Muster was in a forgiving mood Saturday after suffering a severe knee injury in an automobile accident that could keep him out of tennis action for nine months.

"1 am not angry at what's happened," said the 21-year-old Austrian Davis Cup star after leaving a Miami hospital for his

Muster, who was to have played Ivan Lendl in the final of the International Players Championships Sunday, was removing equipment from the boot of his car when a Miami driver hit it head-on and knocked him to the ground.

Muster tore both ligaments in his left knee. "I thought I'll never be able to walk again in my life," Muster said of his first thoughts after the accident.

"I was so shocked and scared, but I thought, "Thank God I'm alive.' I just want to be a normal person and walking.

"This is a poor guy who did this. They took away his license two times before. Things like this can happen in seconds," he said of the accident that took place shortly after his five-set semifinal victory over Yannick Noah.

Dr. Charles Virgin, who treated Muster and put the leg in a cast, said the Austrian will need reconstructive surgery and would likely be out of action for six to nine months.

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"I will probably drop in the rankings," said the 14th-ranked Muster. "But I am still strong and young and there is a good chance to come hack.

Top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina chalked up ber 10th singles title and retained her world number three ranking in the process on Saturday.

BY CHARLES GOREN

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cards lie.

The 18-year-old Argentine won the International Players Championship title with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 victory over second-seeded American Chris Evert.

Evert, who surrendered ber number three ranking to Sahatini five weeks ago, could have regained it with a victory on Saturday. Instead she remained fourth in the world and collected

\$60,000 as runner-up. Sabatini earned \$100,000 for her first victory in an event with a 128-player draw.

Earlier men's top seed Ivan Lendl was declared singles champion by default.

Sabatini easily dominated an error-prone Evert in the first set as she broke the American three times while dropping serve once. Evert struggled with hlustery winds that better suited Sabatini's heavy topspin and stronger serve.

The Argentine kept the ball deep as she moved Evert around with heavy topspin and crosscourt angles. The tactie appeared to work as Evert often hit long or netted forebands.

The 34-year-old Evert, who has not missed a final in the five-year history of this tournament, battled back to take the second set on a pair of service breaks.

Evert levelled the match on a dramatic forehand passing shot hit on the run, which brought a capacity crwd of 10,500 to its feet appreciation. Evert was unable to maintain

the momentum; however, and came out flat in the third set. She lost her serve in the opening game and fell behind 0-3 on second break.

Sabatini played a careless fourth game and lost her serve, hut broke Evert again three games later to lead 5-2. She closed out the match with an ace on her first match point.

been no bargain, anyway. West led his fourth-best dia-

mond, and the percentage play is clear. Take the spade finesse. If it

wins, you have nine tricks; if it

loses, move on to the next hand.

However, before you actually tackle the spade suit, lead the queen of hearts from hand. A good defender in the West suit will play low

in tempo, and you go up with the ace, return to hand with the king of

spades and take the finesse. That

Where you gain is when an un-

thinking West, who learned to "cover an honor with an honor,"

puts up the king of hearts at trick

two. Now you have eight fast tricks, and can combine your chances for a

Cash the king-ace of spades to see if the queen drops, planning to take the club finesse if her majesty

does not appear. If she does, you

can be real greedy. Take your heart tricks and the ace of clubs, then get

to the table with a spade and run

that suit. That gives you ten tricks, and you can hook the club to score at least one additional overtrick.

By Harris

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

World champion Kasparov beaten

de Linetico

World Cup tickets on sale abroad

ROME (R) - Tickets for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy went on sale abroad for the first time Saturday through banks in 22 countries in Europe, South America, the Far East and Saudi Arabia, organisers said. Half of the 2.6 million tickets available for the June 8 to July 8 1990 event have been set aside for sale outside Italy through foreign branches of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. The remainder went on sale within Italy last February and most seats for matches in the Rome and Naples stadiums are already sold out. The competition is being held in 12 cities and tickets are sold in hatches covering all the games in individual stadiums.

Ngugi wins Italian race

VIGEVANO, (AP) — World cross country champion John Ngugi of Kenya won the eight-kilometre "Golden Shoe" race Saturday, setting a course-record 23 minutes and 18 seconds on the coholed streets of this city near Milan. Ngugi, who had won his fourth world title in Stavanger, Norway, two weeks ago, took the lead after the first of a seven-lap city course and gradually increased his advantage. Ngugi finished ahead of Brazilian Artur Castro and Italian Gennaro Di Napoli, who placed second and third respectively. Another Brazilian, Diamantino Silveira, was

Squash showdown

world champion had to come back from two games to one down before triumphing 11-15, 15-12, 16-17, 15-14, 15-4. Jahangir did not exactly bave things his own way either against young compatriot Zarak Jahan Khan. The number one seed needed to all his experience to win 15-9, 15-4, 10-15, 15-11.

Harvard wins NCAA ice hockey crown

Championship with a 4-3 victory over the University of Minnesota Saturday night. The crimson forward put the puck past Minnesota goaltender Robb Stanber four minutes and 15 seconds into the first overtime period to give the prestigions Ivy League University the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title and its first-ever national championship in any sport. Minnesota's Golden Gophers had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period. Harvard scored twice in the second before the home town team levelled the game on a power play goal.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: calmly, Set some time saids for

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Focusing on financial need is impor-

Jal. 21) Go where your interests and favorite places are. Control household matters by reorganizing your home schedule.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You distrust someone sneaky. Control opinions so as not to let differences

stand in your way. Organize prac-

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Finishing home tasks will give you a feeling of satisfaction. Siblings demand time and attention. Be childlike and free with your fun time. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Mutual giving in a new situation is satisfying. A fresh, youthful ap-proach to his brings thrilling vari-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Changes may disrupt plans. There is much that can be accomplished

when companions cooperate. Satisfy your taste for something AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Your ideas are strong and attract attention. You can be a teacher and

stention. You can be a teacher and show others the path to fulfillment. Skills help you with a project. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Someone presses you and asks for more than is fair. It is a great time for a surprise get together. Life opens its doors.

THE Daily Crossword by Florence C. Adler



Unscramble these four Jumble: one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. TCHEF EUQUE NOAZAM FIT TO BE EATEN EXCEPT IN THIS. **CENNAD** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above carbon. Print answer here:

"I'm going to call the doctor! That's the worst case of goose

pimples I've ever seen!"

JUMBILE THAT SCRAMMLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arriold and Bob Lee

(Answers tomorrow) JUMBINE LINEN BUXOM FRACAS MALICE Accesse: What they experienced when the life of the party flority went home... "COMIC RELIEF"

BARCELONA (AP) - Reigning world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union was beaten by his countryman Arthur Yusupov in the third round of the three-week world chess cup played here Saturday. Johan Kjartarson of Iceland, who drew with Predag Nikolie of Yngoslavia, shared the top place of the standings with Yusupov with 2.5 points each.

MONACO (R) — The world's best two players, Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan of Pakistan, set up another final clash when they won surprisingly tight battles in the semifinals of the Monaco Open squash tournament Saturday. Rodney Martin of Australia, the only ontsider in a Khan-dominated semifinal line-up, came close to a major upset, holding match point against Jansher Khan in the fourth game of their exciting five-game match. The former

ST. PAUL, Minn. (R) — Eddie Krayer scored a sudden-death overtime goal to give Harvard the U.S. Collegiate 1ce Hockey

GENEVA (AP) - Proliferating perfect 10" scores in gymnastics competition could well become a

thing of the past this season under fine-tuned new rules from the sport's international governing Revised scoring rules were introduced this year for women's individual all-around competi-

PAILY HOROSCOPE - As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

your social graces and attraction to beautiful people. Rearrange your

tant, but can cramp your style. Schedule events so that you can

Schedule events so that you can relax and play at home.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Rather than make new social waves, move along with the existing tides. A romance may be getting too hot to handle.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

virgo (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) It is tough to control negative feedback and criticism. Face any delays

Exercise care in handling, borrowing or lending money. Be extra discreet and avoid gossip and rumors. Compromise will he necessary to cettle disagreements.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You was on the waves. The accept is one of the wave to control them.

find a way to control them. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

between competitors.

U.S. College Basketball — Final Four

Seton Hall turns Duke around

SEATTLE (AP) — Seton Hall's first final four started the same way Danny Ferry's third one ended - with a blowout.

But the Pirates were able to turn the game around just as they have their programme, a hig East doormat until two seasons ago.

Seton Hall rebounded from an 18-point deficit with improved shooting and tough second-half defence on Ferry for a 95-78 victory Saturday and a trip to the championship game. When the game started, though, it sure looked like Duke

would be the team to play in the ehampionship Monday night against Michigan, a 83-81 winner over Illinois in the second game. The Blue Devils jumped to a

26-8 lead with 8:55 left in the first half. Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo had to call his second timeout of the game. Things can't get much hleaker

than 2-for-14 shooting and seven turnovers. Ferry had outscored the Pirates 14-8.

"Duke really took it to us for the first eight, 10 minutes," Car-lesimo said. "We may have been a little hut tight but they didn't allow us to do anything."

The Pirates came out of the

shooting 'improved to 9-for-16

and no one gave the ball away

New scoring

system in

to reduce

gymnastics

top scores

tion. Norbert Buche, General

Secretary of the International

Gymnastics Federation, said

give scoring judges more nuances

in rating performances and to avoid ties, had its successful full-

scale debut at the Summer Olym-

Performances are scored in in-

crements of five hundredths of a

point rather than tenths, as in the

pics in Seoul last September.

Lyss, Switzerland.

timeout with a 25-12 run to get within 38-33 at halftime. The

again the rest of the half. What did Carlesimo say at the timeout to turn things around so markedly?

"We didn't say anything," Carlesimo said. "I told them 'let's just play like we're capable of playing'

Apparently, the Pirates can play defense.

Ferry had 21 points at halftime and bad made eight of 13 shots from the field. The second half was decidedly

different for the 6-foot-10 All-America forward who was making his third final four appearance in a storied career that ended without a national Championship.

He made five of 14 in the second half and every Seton Hall player over 6-7 had a chance at

guarding him.
"They play good team defense, that's one of their strengths," said Ferry, who finished with 34 points and 10 rebounds. "We came out real hard and had a lot of momentum then we lost track of what we were doing. The defense, turnovers, things started to fall apart."

around so much that it took an 87-69 lead with 3:02 left. The Pirates even got to clear their bench in the final minute as Ferry and his teammates sat disconsolate on the other side of the court.

"I thought our team was ready and we played outstanding for 10 minutes," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Then we had problems with fouls and injuries and that got us out of our rhythm hnt credit Seton Hall's defence for that."

Seton Hall has become a team known in its five NCAA tournament games for excellent defense in the second half. No team has managed to shoot better than 40 per cent against the Pirates in the second half.

The NCAA numbers: Southwest Missouri State had one field goal in the last 9:50; Evansville none in the last 5:08; Indiana three in 15:30; Nevada-Las Vegas six in 14:09; and Duke five in

"I think that just shows how important our bench is," Carlesimo said, naming Anthony Avent, Michael Cooper and Frantz Volcy, each of whom had a chance on Ferry along with Daryll Walker and starting centre Ramon

Ferry had 21 points because 1 They didn't on the other bench thought we did a good joh on as Seton Hall turned things him. He can do anything but

"At halftime 1 couldn't believe

apparently Danny got tired without Robert in there."

Robert Bricky, Duke's starting small forward suffered a severe thigh bruise early in the game and was limited in his minutes. Centres Christian Laettner and Alaa Abdelnaby each was saddled with fouls and caused Krzyzewski to do some substituting he hoped to

"Their physical maturity wore us down and they were stronger and took better care of the baskethall," he said.

Seton Hall took the lead at good at 57-55 with 11:38 left on a layup by Avent and the rout was on from there as Andrew Gaze, 1-for-8 from the field in the first half. made all six of his shots in the second half, four from 3-point

range.
"Coach told me at halftime to keep shooting if I had the shot and that can only make you feel good when you go hack out," said the Australian Olympie star, who led the Pirates with 20 points. As for turning around his prog-

ramme, Carlesimo said: "I think we're doing things the same way we've always done them. The difference is that we've got better

Walker finished with 19 points. Gerald Greene had 17 and John Morton 13.

Laettner and Phil Henderson each bad 13 for Duke, the latter on just 4-for-16 shooting.

Champion beaten but China rolls on relentless DORTMUND (R) - Teenager Philippe Saive became a Belgian Sweden were relieved to find bero when he beat world number Erik Lindh back in form after he

one Jiang Jialiang of China in the team event at the World Table Tennis Championships Saturday. But the unexpected defeat was only a temporary sethack for defending champions China, who

Belgians 5-2 and reach a quarterfinal tie with Poland. Saive, 17, started badly but pulled back to beat world singles champion Jiang 9-21, 21-17, 21-

went on to beat the unseeded

Saive is the younger brother of Jean-Michel Saive, whose three wins Friday helped Belgium defeat West Germany and build a dream of making the quarter-

If the system proves a success, t may be extended to men's But the brothers' hopes ended all-around events in time for the in disappointment Saturday when world gymnastics championships hosts West Germany defeated in Stuttgart, West Germany, in Hungary 5-1 — a margin big October, Buche said from the enough to give them second place Federation's headquarters in in the round robin group on the number of games won. The new system, designed to

Two teams from each of the They will face Sweden in the four groups qualified for Sun-day's quarter-finals. West Germany's late charge

into the final eight owed much to their number two Steffen Fetzner — "speedy" to his team-mates.
Fetzner, 20, heat Hungarian
veteran Tibor Klampar, 16 years
his senior, 20-22, 21-17, 21-14 and

added a two-game victory over This means that while judges Zsolt Harczi in the final match. before could only give, for example, a 9.8 or 9.9 for strong sbow-"We knew the chance was very small but anyhow we fought hard ing before hitting the perfect to give it a try," said Fetzuer, who was hoisted aloft by his mark 10, they now can use 9.85 and 9.95 ratings to distinguish jubilant team-mates and coaches two victories Friday to finish top as the crowd cheered and ap- of their group-

lost three times on Friday in the 5-4 victory over South Korea. Lindh looked much better in the final group match, contributing two wins as the European champions beat Taiwan 5-1 to finish top.

Japan, whose power as a table tennis nation bas waned since they last won the world team crown in 1969, clawed back from 4-1 down against Yngoslavia to win 5-4 and finish second to the Soviet Union in their group. Japanese doubles champion

tory in the deciding match when be beat Olympic doubles silver medallist Zoran Primorac 21-18, Japan play North Korea in the quarter-finals while South Korea

Hiroshi Shibutani clinched vic-

meet the Soviet Union. China's world champions were the only women's team to win a group without dropping a game.

quarter-finals. Veterans and newcomers contributed to the two Chinese victories Saturday. Olympic silver medallist Li Huifen appeared. against Romania and Hu Xiaoxin, making her world championships dehut, helped Olympic

champion Chen Jing to beat Yugoslavia. Chinese-born women were also responsible for putting Hong Kong into the quarter-finals. Chan Tan Lui and Chai Po Wa added a 3-0 win over England to

Greek bid for games: in '96 to mix poetry with sport

ATHENS (AP) - Greece will combine sports with culture if it is selected to host the 1996 summer Olympic games, the executive committee for the Greek can-

didacy said Tuesday.

"I agree with the philosophy of these plan because they put great emphasis on culture," said Culture Minister Melina Mercouri presenting a draft proposal for the bid at a news conference. The Greek candidacy commit-

tee said a host of theatre and sculpture shows and poetry read-ing events would be part of celebrations in Athens and other major cities. Mercouri has joined forces

with Education Minister George Papandreou, son of socialist premier Andreas Papandreou, and Athens mayor Militadis Evert to strengthen Greece's bid to host the centennial modern Olympics in the city where the ancient games were revived.

Papandreou said preparations for the games would cost one hillion dollars.

George Kandylis, head of the team preparing the proposal to the International Olympic Committee (1OC), said Greece will foeus on an atmosphere of celebration.

Security measures for the

games were still being examined,

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he said.

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U.N. makes bid to salvage crumbling Namibia peace plan

Alaska hunts for oil spill captain

WINDHOEK (Agencies) — South Africa said Sunday it was slowing a military withdrawal from Namibia after reported clashes with black nationalist rebels brought a U.N. peace plan for Pretoria's colony to the brink of collapse.

A top-ievel delegation of U.N. peacekeepers flew to a remote settlement at the Angolan border where Namibian police battled rebels they said belonged to the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

The clash, which leaves the prospect of a trouble-free transition to independence in tatters. was roundly condemned by U.N. officials and diplomats.

"The whole U.N. operation was nearly aborted last night. No-one expected 40 dead on day one," said a senior Western di-

South Africa said Saturday 38 SWAPO cuerrillas and two policemen were killed in the

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) - Au-

thorities issued an arrest warrant

for the tanker captain suspected

of drinking before his ship ran

aground, causing a 250-square-kilometre oil slick that expanded

Saturday under shifting wind and

About 800 miles of beach have

currents in Alaskan waters.

border with Angola. South Africa Foreign Minister Pik Botha immediately threatened to throw out the U.N. force unless SWAPO was conde-

mned by the world body.

A military spokesman in Windhoek said South Africa, after consultation with the U.N. authorities, was suspending its pro-cess of demobilisation in some

The units involved are being activated to assist the Namihian police in warding off this incurthe spokesman added.

Guerrilla leaders Sunday accused South African forces of initiating the clashes which the incident took place.

been tainted so far in the biggest

oil spill in U.S. history, officials

A prosecutor said the captain

admitted drinking on board the

tanker before it went aground,

according to court papers obtained by the Oregonian. an

Oregon newspaper.

threatened to derail Namibia's transition to independence. SWAPO rebels "fired only in

self-defence after being hunted down and attacked," SWAPO said in a statement issued from its beadquarters in Luanda, Angola. fighting near Namibia's northern It said more U.N. peacekeeping troops were needed.

Earlier in Harare, the Namibian nationalist group's leader Sam Nujoma said: "SWAPO is investigating (the border clash) on its own," adding its findings would be reported to the U.N. and the Namibian people.

In another disputed incident, eight SWAPO supporters en-joying Saturday's independence countdown celebrations were shot dead from South African · army helicopters at a remote settlement in northeastern Namihia, according to reports from the Council of Churches in Namibia. A military spokesman denied

One of the first investigators to

board the Exxon Valdez asked

Joseph Hazelwood what the

problem was, and the captain

NEW DELHI (R) - A top

government official named as a

suspect in the assassination of

Indian Prime Minister Indira-

Gandhi in 1984 claimed at the

weekend he was the victim of a

Rajinder Kumar Dhawan.

brought back from the political

wilderness in February hy Gan-

dhi's son and successor as prime

minister, Rajiv Gandhi, declared

he had been cleared of any

wrongdoing.
"I have been vindicated. There

is not even a shred of convincing

evidence against me," he said in

an interview with India Today

"I can only say one thing: I

have been the victim of a political

conspiracy hatched against the

Gandhi family and against me in

personal secretary to Indira Gan-

dhi, is strongly critical of a judi-

cial inquiry into her assassination by two of her Sikh bodyguards.

Salwant Singh, one of the assassins, and Kehar Singh, a

government clerk convicted of

conspiracy, were hanged for the

murder in January. The second

guard, Beant Singh, was himself

killed after gunning down Gandhi in the garden of her Delhi home.

The inquiry report, which the

Dhawan, who for 20 years was

political conspiracy.

news magazine.

particular," he said.

Sunday editions.

replied, "I think you're looking at

the newspaper reported in its

Sunday editions.

Alaska Attorney General

Doug Baily said Saturday that try fails to protect against spills.

Dhawan speaks

of 'conspiracy'

U.N.'s independence operation comes as a severe blow to officials responsible for the U.N. Transition Assistante Group (UN-TAG), one of the biggest military-civilian operations ever mounted by the world body. The situation is too delicate to

Cedric Thornberry, assistant to-UNTAG chief Martti Ahtisaari, after returning from a fact-finding trip to the scene of the SWAPO clash with the police. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who visited

comment on," said grim-faced

the U.N. Security Council to dis-cuss the UNTAG mission. Officials said that the Nami-bian crisis would be on the agenda when Thatcher meets Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in London this week on his return

from Cuba.

The Soviet Union is an ally of Angola.

criminal charges were filed late Friday against Hazelwood, 42, captain of the tanker that crashed

into Bligh reef in Prince William

Sound March 24. Meanwhile, Alaska's governor

government released last week

after caving in to intense opposi-

tion pressure, devotes consider-

able space to building a case

Accusing him of lying about his

actions before, during and after the assassination, Justice M.P.

Thakkar repeatedly concludes:

'It thus points a finger of guilt at

Government ministers said a

subsequent investigation com-

pletely expnerated Dhawan, and

the 48-year-old aide told India

Today: "I have no doubt in my

mind that some people were out

He provides no names, but

political analysts say Dhawan's

years as a power broken in Indira

Gandhi's office had made him

powerful enemies in the ruling

He claims the motive was to

remove everybody from the

prime minister's office who was

Gandhi's decision to harness

Dhawan's widely respected poli-

rical skills by hringing him back as

a top aide in the run up to

elections this year triggered the

leaking to the press of some of

the most damaging parts of the

Congress (I) Party.

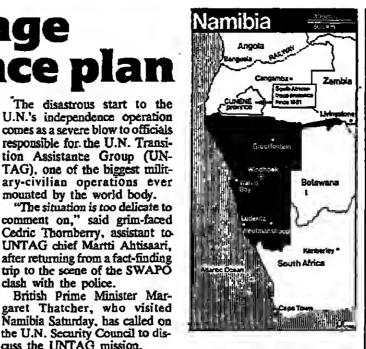
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Cuba and Angola, both signatories to an agreement with Pretoria last December which provided for Namibian independence in exchange for the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuhan troops from

Papandreou launches pre-election campaign

VOLOS, Greece (AP) - Premier Andreas Papandreou Satur-day launched his pre-election campaign by defending his gov-ernment's handling of a multimillion dollar scandal:

Speaking hefore tens of thousands of his supporters in this central port city, Papandreou also said he was confident his ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) would be re-elected to another four-year term in the June 18 elections.

"The government and I personally set into motion all the procedures provided by the constitution to clear up the scandal,"
Papandreou said in the 45-minute

Papandreou's socialist government bas been accused of involvement in a financial scandal surrounding fugitive Greek banker George Koskotas, jailed in the United States pending an extradition bearing.

It was Papandreou's first appearance at a mass public rally since his return from open-heart surgery in London last October.
During his speech, Papandreou

During his speech, Papanureous promised more "power to the people" in an effort to return to the grass roots base that helped the grass roots base that helped in 1981 and promised more trouble.

The promised more "power to the people" in an effort to return to the grass roots base that helped in 1981 and promise the promise of the pro "In its new four-year term

PASOK will complete the triumph of popular sovereignty." Papandreou said. As a step in that direction he

said referendums would be held on major political and social issues. Papandreou has already announced he will hold a referendum on the future of four U.S. military bases operating in Greece.

Greece and the United States have been negotiating a new agreement to replace an five-year accord that expired last December. The main conservative opposition New Democracy Party said in a statement that Papandreou "tried with his April Fool's day speech to present a restored picture of PASOK and himself. No-

comment. The Koskotas scandal and the 70-year-old premier's open affair with a 34-year-old former airline stewardess have considerably hurt his standing among voters, recent public opinion polls have

thing he said deserves special

Papandreou, who dismissed the Koskotas scandal as a "foreign and domestic plot" to overthrow his government, reiterated a call for the banker's extradition from the United States.

Gorbachev pays visit to Ireland

SHANNON, Ireland (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, making a lightning visit to Ireland Sunday, urged East and West Europe to "put its common house in order" and defuse tensions.

"Europe has a tremendous potential and I believe if Europe does progress, if Europe moves forward, that will be a very good example for the whole world," he told reporters after his two-hour stopover at Shannon airport en route to Cuba. Irish Prime Minister Charles

Haughey, leader of a country that prides itself on its neutrality, offered Ireland as the venue for a Gorbachev summit with President Bush.

"We put it on the table," Haughey said of the offer without giving any details of Gorbachev's response except to say the Soviet leader expressed his keenness to return to Ireland

leader to visit Ireland, said of his airport shop in Moscow which brief stopover, "Ireland is not a had a \$12-million turnover in its

stopover but a milestone."

Talking to reporters after his talks, Gorbachev said: "We feel very strongly that we are Europeans, that Europe at this crucial The Shannon visit offered stage can play a key role in putting international relations on a new level."

"I feel that we have as Europeans to set our own common house in order and I believe that this is quite possible, that the trend is very positive."

The European process can only succeed if it involves all European countries and of course the United States and Canada."

Gorbachev's scheduled 90-minute refuelling stop stretched to Northern Ireland, saying: "I two hours at Shannon, the Irish formed, symptomic and understanding." airport that acts as a gateway to the West for the Soviet airline Aeroflot.

Almost 2,000 Aeroflot flights a year pass through Shannon where Anglo-Irish relations. the airline's planes are also rethe airline's planes are also repainted and refurbished. Gorbachev, accompanied by

his wife Raisa, ended his visit by touring the Shannon duty-free shop whose success prompted Aeroflot to lannch into a com-



eturn to Ireland. last year signed a joint agreement Gorbachev, the first Soviet with Aeroflot to run a duty-free first 12 months.

Other stores are to be opened up in Leningrad and at Viborg on

Haughey a valuable opportunity to present Dublin's viewpoint on Northern Ireland, scene of a 20vear-old Irish nationalist guerrilla conflict against Britain, before Gorbachev meets British leader Margaret Thatcher in London

next week. "I stressed the fact that for us it is our central political problem,' Haughey said after the talks.

He warmly praised Gor-bachev's grasp of the problems of pathetic and understanding.

Gorbachev, clearly choosing his words carefully, avoided being drawn too deeply into efforts to solve that problem con-

sistent with the feelings of the people of Northern Ireland," he "We had no practical discus-

sions on the problem itself, but the human dimension of it was

munist-capitalist joint venture, the human dimension of it was The Irish airport authorities discussed," he told reporters. Police on alert for

more Kosovo unrest

PRISTINA. (R) - Yngoslav police stood guard against possible further unrest in Kosovo pro-vince Saturday, the anniversary officials said they were ready for

Twenty-four people are officially reported to have died this week in the worst ethnic unrest in Yugoslavia since World War II, as ethnic Albanians protested against constitutional changes limiting Kosovo's autonomy with-

in Serbia. A party document expected to be adopted by the Kosovo Commnnist Party's central committee later Saturday said it should "determine concrete individual responsibilities in all social and political institutions in the pro-

The purge is to be carried out by April 20 and party branches risk sanctions if they do not

At the Central Committee meeting in the provincial capital Pristina, 220 kilometres south of Belgrade, Politburo member Iljaz Ramajlji said many activists behind the region's troubles re-mained in office.

"Ideological and political differentiation is assignment num-ber one," he said. The terminology commonly means a purge of

Former Kosovo Party chief Azem Vlasi and other officials were arrested in February and face possible charges of counterrevolution, which carries a maximum penalty of death.

Although the latest protests have subsided over the past four

Armoured vehicles stood before strategic buildings in towns across the predominantly ethnic Albanian province as armed police in full riot gear patrolled the streets.

Serbia, Yngoslavia's largest republic, approved measures giving it greater control over Kosovo, a constituent part of the republic which has enjoyed self-rule since

The curbs, promoted by Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, were to permit a crackdown on alleged nationalists among the province'a ethnic Albanian population accused of driving minority Serbs from their homes.

"Organised hostile forces are not quiet yet and are announcing new actions to mark the eighth anniversary of counter-revolutionary demonstrations," said Kosovo Interior Minister Jusuf Karakushi.

He was referring to the 1981 separatist riots which led to martial law.

Communist officials refer to the most recent outburst as an uprising, saying at least 20,000 took part.

"Disorders in Kosovo have taken on the character of an armed rebellion with elements of urban guerrilla warfare," said Stanko Radmilovic, a member of the Yugoslav party leadership.

CLAY CENTER (AP) — Herman Hill did not have many options when his wife, Sara, went into labour next to him. He was busy flying a small airplane over northwest Kansas as she gave birth. "Herman is a calm per-son," Mrs. Hill said. The Hills were flying the four-seater Cess-na about 300 miles (500 kilometres) from their home to Manhattan, Kansas, Wednesday evening, where they had arranged for the baby's delivery at Memorial Hospital. They were

Labour aboard

the Cessna

at Memorial Hospital. They were about 65 kilometres short of their destination when Mrs. Hill gave birth to a girl. "I talked to our county nurse a couple of weeks ago just in case something like this might happen," Mrs. Hill said. Hill began making arrangements for an emergency landing at Clay Centre when his wife at Clay Centre when his wife went into labour. "Nobody could seem to understand what he was saying," said Pam Spicer, coowner of Spicer Aircraft. "So he finally just said, "code red" and there were ambulances and police cars all over the place." The couple's third child, Shiree, was the prettiest little girl yon ever

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saw, " said one ambulance driver.

HONOLULU (AP) — The Black Orchid, an upscale restaurant party owned by actor Tom Selleck, was fined \$35,400 for 173 immigration law violations, federal officials said. In order to prevent illegal aliens from obtaining employment, all employers must verify that new employees are U.S. citizens or aliens who have the right to work in the United States. "It is unfortunate that this employer did not comply with the law," the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) officer Harold Ezell said Wednesday. "We're just shocked to hear it," said Randy Schoch, president and part-owner of the restaurant. "We have no illegal aliens working for us, absolute zero. We felt that we had filled out all the forms." INS officials told reporters Wednesday that illegal aliens were found working at the res-

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Glants to promote healthy changes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Baseball fans who attend San Francisco Giants games at Candlestick Park this season may be shocked to discover their stadium has changed its menu. Concession choices will no longer be limited to standard ballpark fast-food fare, such as fat-filled frankfurters, salted peanuts and beer. Now, Giants' fans also will be able to visit a special concession stand and choose among a number of healthy foods: meatless frankfurters, yogurt, salads and all the mineral water you can

Kenyans fall for mountain joke

NAIROBI (AP) — A Nairobi newspaper reporter got dozens of puzzled calls for few chuckles with his April Fools' day claim that plans were afoot to dump tons of rock on Mount Kenya's snow-capped peak to make it Africa's highest mountain. Ha-roun Wandala, the reporter who wrote the front-page piece for The Standard, estimated at least 50 per cent of the dozens of readers who called the newspaper about Mount Kenya's proposed lift thought the story was true. "One fellow asked if we'd considered the ecological impact such a project would have on the mountain's streams and rivers and surrounding area," said Wandala, laughing amid the din of ringing telephones.

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American oat-bran craze shows no sign of tapering off

By Brenda C. Coleman The Associated Press

The late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi with her aide R.K. Dhawan in

CHiCAGO — U.S. consumer craving for out bran has opened up a whole new market for cereal makers and bakers, but critics claim greedy food companies are unscrupulously capitalising on the craze. Almost one-and-a-half years

have passed since the hoom began, ignited by scientific studies indicating that 34 grammes of oat bran eaten daily as part of a low-fat diet could help prevent heart attacks,

"We have not really seen any slackening in demand," said Ron Bottrell, a spokesman for Quaker Oats Company, the nation's largest oat miller and producer of oat hrancereal. "You keep adding capacity, hut demand keeps increasing too."

Quaker is producing 454,000 kilogrammes of oat bran a

month, compared with 454,000 kilogrammes a year only two years ago, and plans to introdace a new oat bran cereal this spring, a cold variety to complement its hot version. Its Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

plant is making oat bran cereal 24 ours a day, and Quaker is considering adding production lines at its other plants. Meanwhile, competitors are

jumping on the bran wagon this spring, including Nabisco Foods Company and Ralston Purina Company. "We don't see it tapering

off." said Nabisco spokeswoman Caroline Fee. "The rise in popularity is just phenomenal. It does not seem to be a fad. Heart disease and high

cholesterol aren't going to disappear overnight, and to the extent oat bran can help, neithor will it, companies reason. "To benefit from oat bran,

you don't have it one morning and that's it. It has to be part of a diet." Fee said.

Bran substitutes

The magic of oat bran is that it is one of the best-known sources of soluble fibre, which reduces cholesterol in the blood and the risk of heart disease. Beans like pinto, kidney and navy; psyllium, a seed grain; rice bran; and fruits with pectin, like apples and grapefruit, are good sources.

"We estimate about half a cup of cooked beans can lower cholesterol by about the same amount as a bowl of oat bran." said Bonnie Liebman, nutrition director of the Centre for Science in the Public Interest. "The bean people don't have the bucks (money)... the industry is not as adept at advertising. You don't hear about it. but that doesn't mean it won't

One of the most important studies of oat bran found that people with normal blood cholesterol levels who went on a low-fat diet reduced their cholesterol levels by about five per cent. But if their diets included 56 grammes of oat bran or oat meal, the cholesterol levels dropped eight per cent to nine per cent.

Dietitian Linda van Horn, who led the study at Northwestern University medical school, said the difference is significant. Every one per cent decline in blood cholesterol is believed to result in a one per cent to two per cent reduction in heart attack risk.

Oat bran benefits can be more dramatic for people with high blood cholesterol, who may see a 13 per cent to 19 per cent reduction when on a lowfat diet that includes an oat bran muffin or a bowl of oat bran daily, according to a study

in last April's Journal of the American Medical Associa-

But that knowledge may be of little help to consumers facing torrents of advertising hype and a jungle of new oat-bran products. "Just because the word 'oat

bran' is splashed across the front of the package, doesn't mean you're getting a lot of oat bran inside," Liebman said. It can take more than a

dozen servings a day of some foods to see benefits. And some products are full of highly saturated fats - lard, beef tallow, palm oil, butter, coconut oil - which may drive up blood-cholesterol levels more than the oat bran lowers them.

"Check the label," Liebman

The marketplace is ripe for abuse, because the oat bran business has become "bysterical," said David Liederman,

who supplemented cookiemaking with no-fat oat bran muffins and now sells 75,000 a week on the east coast. "If we had the production

capacity, we could sell a couple of million," said Liederman, whose David's Specialty Foods Incorporated took off after it was featured in a New York Times article about oat bran in November.

Even though he is enjoying unprecedented success, Liederman decries "corporate greed run wild," and oat-bran prices that have risen from \$0.40 to \$2.00 per 454

"Corporate food-America is advertising oat bran every minute on national television, but much of it is "misguided" or "medically irresponsible," he said. "Companies are making claims that have no basis in

Consumers also may be get-ting low-quality bran, said William Aufricht of Arrowhead Milis, a natural foods company based in Hereford, Texas.

Such bran is increasingly likely to enter the U.S. market as manufacturers rely on more imports to fill the gap left by a 40 per cent drop in U.S. oat production caused largely by the 1988 drought.

Oat bran should contain 25 per cent to 30 per cent soluble fibre, Aufricht said. Some foreign oat bran his company investigated contained only 10 per cent. By comparison, whole oats contain about eight per cent soluble fibre.

The problem is unlikely to ease with sales of oat bran cereals having risen 215 per cent over the past 12 months. and with oat bran going into everything from pancake mix to animal crackers to potato

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